

policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Mexico.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA BOARDMAN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Sandra Boardman of Chinook, MT. Originally from Chinook, Sandi has served as the Blaine County clerk and recorder for 44 years. As she steps into retirement, she will be remembered for her many years of service.

Thank you, Sandi, for your commitment to Blaine County and Montana. Your years of dedication and service show the true meaning of being a Montanan, and, for that, I am very grateful. You are an inspiration to us all. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, and I wish you all the best in the days ahead. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 678, resolving that the Clerk of the House inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3759. An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a Family Caregiving Strategy, and for other purposes.

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

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-3918. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Activities, Progress and Plans: September 2013 to August 2016"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3919. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Rough Service Lamps and Vibration Service Lamps" (Docket No. EERE-2017-BT-STD-0057) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3920. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of

Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effectuating Congressional Nullification of the Resource Management Planning Rule Under the Congressional Review Act" (RIN1004-AE39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3921. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; User Fees for the Electronic Hazardous Waste Manifest System and Amendments to Manifest Regulations" ((RIN2050-AG80) (FRL No. 9965-27-OLEM)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3922. 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 Louisiana's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Several Parishes" ((RIN2060-AT61) (FRL No. 9971-92-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3923. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Notification Requirements for Combined Sewer Overflows to the Great Lakes Basin" ((RIN2040-AF67) (FRL No. 9972-51-OW)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3924. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant" ((RIN2060-AT43) (FRL No. 9972-48-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3925. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Refrigerant Management Regulations for Small Cans of Motor Vehicle Refrigerant" ((RIN2060-AT43) (FRL No. 9972-48-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3926. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing; Rotary Spin Lines Technology Review and Revision of Flame Attenuation Lines Standards" ((RIN2060-AT13) (FRL No. 9972-44-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3927. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Full Withdrawal of Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; City of Philadelphia; Control of Emissions from Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" (FRL No. 9972-52-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3928. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Right-to-Know; Adopting 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes for Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting; Final Rule" ((RIN2070-AK32) (FRL No. 9970-02)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3929. 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 Tennessee's Request to Relax the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Shelby County (Memphis)" ((RIN2060-AT69) (FRL No. 9972-06-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3930. 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; Continuous Opacity Monitoring Requirements for Municipal Waste Combustors; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule" (FRL No. 9972-55-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3931. 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 Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9972-29-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3932. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination to Defer Sanctions; Arizona Department of Environmental Quality; PM2.5" (FRL No. 9972-78-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3933. 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 Nevada Air Plan Revisions, Washoe Oxygenated Fuels Program" (FRL No. 9972-82-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3934. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designation for the 2010

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards - Round 3" (FRL No. 9972-73-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3935. 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. 9972-85-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3936. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3937. 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 Program; Medicare Shared Savings Program: Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances Policies for Performance Year 2017" ((RIN0938-AT51) (CMS-1702-IFC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3938. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2017-1316); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3939. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation of a group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the Secretary of State (OSS-2018-0009); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3940. 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 2017-0214 - 2017-0219); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3941. 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 2018-0001 - 2018-0006); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3942. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of Inertial Measurement Units to the Republic of Korea for integration into 2.75 inch guided rockets by the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-088); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3943. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the

export of Intelligence and Surveillance Aircraft and associated Ground Stations to the Republic of Algeria in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-140); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3944. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of Model 249 5.56 caliber machine guns, Model M2 HB QCB, .50 caliber machine guns, and accessories to the United Arab Emirates in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 16-012); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3945. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of automatic carbines, M16A1 rifles, grenade launchers, sound and flash suppressors, scopes, maintenance training, and parts and accessories for Bahrain in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-043); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3946. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of Machine Gun Reflex Sights to Jordan in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3947. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, Secretary of Labor's response to the Office of the Ombudsman's 2015 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3948. A communication from the General Counsel, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, National Endowment for Humanities, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3949. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records" (RIN0930-ZA07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 4, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3950. 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 "Safety and Effectiveness of Health Care Antiseptics; Topical Antimicrobial Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use" ((RIN0910-AH40) (Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3951. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3952. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missing Participants" (RIN1212-AB13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3953. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" (29 CFR Part 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3954. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, 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 Parts 4022 and 4044) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3955. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-214, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 772, S.O. 16-25615, Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3956. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-215, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 3594, S.O. 16-25309, Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3957. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-216, "Ward 4 Full-Service Grocery Store Amendment Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3958. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-217, "Lincoln Court Designation Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3959. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-218, "Union Market Tax Increment Financing Act of 2017"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3960. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mileage reimbursement rates for Federal employees who use privately owned vehicles while on official travel; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3961. A communication from the Executive Director, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN3219-AA00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3962. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Internal Controls, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “FY 2017 Agency Financial Report”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3963. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) management report for the fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3964. A communication from the Director of Public Affairs, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service’s fiscal year 2017 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation (No FEAR) Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3965. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Resolution 22-299, “Transfer of Jurisdiction of U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 in Square 620) Emergency Approval Resolution of 2017”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3966. A communication from the Chairman, National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Annual Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3967. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 FAIR Act Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3968. A communication from the Acting Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency’s fiscal year 2017 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3969. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Blended Retirement System” (5 CFR Parts 1600, 1601, 1603, 1605, 1650, 1651, and 1690) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3970. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Housing and Urban Development Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3971. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3972. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absen-

tee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3973. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting proposed legislation; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3974. A communication from the Acting Deputy 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; Yellowfin Sole for Vessels Participating in the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF468) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3975. A communication from the Acting Deputy 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 Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Elephant Trunk Flex Access Area to General Category Individual Fishing Quota Scallop Vessels” (RIN0648-XF409) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3976. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2017 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack” (RIN0648-XF493) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3977. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2017 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Yellowtail Snapper” (RIN0648-XF465) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3978. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; American Plaice Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648-XF467) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3979. 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 Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF714) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3980. 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; 2017 Illex Squid Quota Harvested” (RIN0648-XF672) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3981. 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; Scup Fishery; Adjustments to the 2017 Winter II Quota” (RIN0648-XF651) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3982. 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; ‘Other Flatfish’ in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF580) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3983. 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; Alaska Plaice in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF579) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3984. 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; Sculpins in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area” (RIN0648-XF731) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3985. 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 Pollock in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands” (RIN0648-XF509) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3986. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial and Recreational Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #12 Through #18” (RIN0648-XF715) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3987. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Hammerhead Shark Management Group Retention Limit Adjustment” (RIN0648-XF501) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3988. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; 2017–2018 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for King Mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico Western Zone” (RIN0648–XF735) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3989. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2017 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Snowy Grouper” (RIN0648–XF492) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3990. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2017 Accountability Measure-Based Closures for Commercial and Recreational Species in the U.S. Caribbean Off Puerto Rico” (RIN0648–XF488) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3991. 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; Shortraker Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XF761) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3992. 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 Pollock in the Bering Sea Subarea” (RIN0648–XF614) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3993. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Sablefish in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska” (RIN0648–XF756) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3994. A communication from the 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–XF654) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3995. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Depart-

ment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Georges Bank Cod Possession and Trip Limit Adjustment for the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648–XF713) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3996. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Georges Bank Cod Trimester Total Allowable Catch Area Closure for the Common Pool Fishery” (RIN0648–XF586) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3997. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries” (RIN0648–XF634) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3998. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2017; Emergency Removal of Southern Windowpane Accountability Measures” (RIN0648–BH11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3999. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; Re-Opening of the Commercial Sector for Blueline Tilefish” (RIN0648–XF758) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4000. 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–2017–0476) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4001. 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–2017–0709) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4002. 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–2017–0708) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4003. 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–2017–0556) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4004. 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–2017–0622) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4005. 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–2017–1104) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4006. 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–2017–0714) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4007. 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–2017–0340) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4008. 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–2017–0473) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4009. 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; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes” (RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2017–1097) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4010. 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; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1098)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4011. 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; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1103)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4012. 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; CFM International S.A. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1044)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4013. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1117)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4014. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-1101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4015. 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; Alexander Schleicher GmbH and Co. Segelflugzeugbau Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0911)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4016. 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 the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in Specified Areas of the Sanaa (OYSC) Flight Information Region" ((RIN2120-AL27) (Docket No. FAA-2015-8672)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4017. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Prohibition Against Certain Flights in

the Territory and Airspace of Somalia" ((RIN2120-AL28) (Docket No. FAA-2007-27602)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4018. 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; Stevens Point, WI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0143)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4019. 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 E Airspace; Twin Bridges, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0737)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4020. 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 E Airspace; Kaunakakai, HI" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2017-0295)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4021. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (137); Amdt. No. 3775" ((RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4022. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (15); Amdt. No. 3776" ((RIN2120-AA65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4023. A communication from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mobility Fund Phase II Challenge Process Handsets and Access Procedures for the Challenge Process Portal" ((WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208) (DA 17-1218)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 28, 2017; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4024. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4025. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 2, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4026. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2017; 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-151. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to encourage the United States Department of Agriculture to revise existing policies that promote the waste of water after an irrigated crop has been declared a failure; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 31

Whereas, among the most urgent and costly issues facing Texas is drought, which recently has caused a number of crop failures on irrigated land; those occurrences have highlighted the necessity for policies that promote responsible water usage and water conservation; and

Whereas, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, managed by the Risk Management Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, supports the economic stability of agriculture through its crop insurance program, which assists American farmers and agricultural entities in managing risk and the threat of natural disasters; in the event of a crop failure, however, current FCIC policy requires farmers to demonstrate good faith practices, which include watering the failed crop, in order to qualify for insurance benefits; and

Whereas, the USDA could further help sustain the agricultural industry and our precious water resources by developing provisions that encourage water conservation when crop failures occur; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the United States Congress to encourage the U.S. Department of Agriculture to revise existing policies that promote the waste of water after an irrigated crop has been declared a failure; and be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the secretary of agriculture, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture and the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and to all members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-152. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to bestow on