MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages 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

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1635. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4969. An act to improve the design and construction of diplomatic posts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5274. An act to promote international exchanges on best election practices, cultivate more secure democratic institutions around the world, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5576. An act to address state-sponsored cyber activities against the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 5385. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5772. An act to designate the J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Courthouse in Amarillo, Texas, as the ''J. Marvin Jones Federal Building and Mary Lou Robinson United States Courthouse''.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:48 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. 4318. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty.

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

At 4:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6147) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Messrs. FRELINGHUYSEN, ADERHOLT, SIMPSON, CALVERT, COLE, DIAZ-BALART, GRAVES of Georgia, YOUNG of Iowa, RUTHERFORD, Mrs. LOWEY, Messrs. PRICE of North Carolina, BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Ms. PINGREE.

At 5:02 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4606. An act to provide that applications under the Natural Gas Act for the importation or exportation of small volumes of natural gas shall be granted without modification or delay.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1635. An act to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4606. An act to provide that applications under the Natural Gas Act for the importation or exportation of small volumes of natural gas shall be granted without modification or delay; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4969. An act to improve the design and construction of diplomatic posts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5274. An act to promote international exchanges on best election practices, cultivate more secure democratic institutions around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5576. An act to address state-sponsored cyber activities against the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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–6366. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019''; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6367. A communication from the Administrator of the Cotton and Tobacco Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2018 Amendments)'' ((7 CFR Part 1205) (Docket No. AMS–CN–18–0013)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6368. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Department of Agriculture's Office of the Secretary Treasury Symbol Accounts; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6369. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Defense Support of Special Events'' (RIN0790–AK05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6370. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report relative to additional fiscal year 2019 funding for the Department of Treasury; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6371. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment to the Annual Privacy Notice Requirement Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Regulation P)'' (RIN3170–AA60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6372. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Interim Final Rule to amend the Small Bank Holding Company and Savings and Loan Holding Company Policy Statement and related regulations; Changes to Reporting Requirements'' (RIN7100–AF13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6373. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Single-Counterparty Credit Limits for Bank Holding Companies and Foreign Banking Organizations'' (RIN7100–AE48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6374. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6375. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Cyber Security Incident Reporting Reliability Standards'' ((18 CFR Part 40) (Docket No. RM18–2–000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6376. 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; District of Columbia; State Implementation Plan for the

Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 Ozone Standard'' (FRL No. 9983–11–Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6377. 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; Michigan; Minor New Source Review'' (FRL No. 9982–97–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6378. 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; Ohio; Cleveland, PM2.5 Attainment Plan'' (FRL No. 9982–96–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6379. 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; Wisconsin; 2017 Revisions to NR 400 and 406'' (FRL No. 9982–60–Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6380. 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; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard'' (FRL No. 9983–07–Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6381. 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 Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; General SIP Updates'' (FRL No. 9982–47–Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6382. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Interstate Transport Prongs 1 and 2 for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) Standard for Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming'' (FRL No. 9982–81–Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 30, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6383. 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; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2018–19 Season'' (RIN1018–BB73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6384. 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; Seasons and Bag Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds'' (RIN1018–BB73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6385. 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 Permits; Removal of Depredation Orders for Double-crested Cormorants to Protect Aquaculture Facilities and Public Resources'' (RIN1018–BC12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6386. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Five Poecilotheria Tarantula Species from Sri Lanka'' (RIN1018–BC82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6387. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Hyacinth Macaw'' (RIN1018–BC79) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6388. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intent to enter into a trade agreement with the Government of Mexico and potentially the Government of Canada; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6389. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''The Year in Trade 2017''; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6390. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, 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–2018–0840); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6391. 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 2018–0147 - 2018–0156); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6392. 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 technical data and defense services to the UAE for infantry-related military training and other advisory assistance for the Presidential Guard Command in the amount of $50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17–139); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Continued Temporary Modification of Category XI of the United States Munitions List'' (RIN1400–AE70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 29, 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6394. A communication from the Ombudsman, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''2016 Annual Report to Congress''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6395. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an alternate plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6396. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22–413, ''Golden Triangle Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2018''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6397. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22–424, ''Community Violence Intervention Fund Temporary Amendment Act''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6398. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22–436, ''Initiative Measure No. 77, Minimum Wage Amendment Act of 2018''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–6399. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report entitled ''2017 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005''; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6400. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division for 2017, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6401. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''LPTV, TV Translator, and FM Broadcast Station Reimbursement, Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions'' ((MB Docket No. 18–214 and GN Docket No. 12–268) (FCC 18–113)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6402. A communication from the Associate Chief of the Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Auctions of Upper Microwave Flexible Licenses for Next-Generation Wireless Services'' ((AU Docket No. 18–85) (FCC 18–109)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6403. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System'' ((PS Docket Nos. 15–94 and 15–91) (FCC 18–94)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6404. A communication from the Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Procedural Rules Governing Formal Complaint Proceedings Delegated to the Enforcement Bureau'' ((EB Docket No. 17–245) (FCC 18–96)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6405. 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 SAS Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0709)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6406. 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 SAS Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0277)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6407. 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–2017–1022)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6408. 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; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0072)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6409. 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; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0028)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6410. 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; Various Model 234 and Model CH–47D Helicopters'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2015–4007)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6411. 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–2018–0303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6412. 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 SAS Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0168)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6413. 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; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0712)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6414. 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; B/E Aerospace Fischer GmbH Attendant Seats and Pilot Seats'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2017–0937)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6415. 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; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Bell) Helicopters'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0738)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6416. 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; Rolls-Royce Corporation Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0259)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6417. 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; Rolls-Royce pic Turbojet Engines'' ((RIN2120–AA64) (Docket No. FAA–2017–1108)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6418. 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; New Castle, IN'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0290)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6419. 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 and Class E Airspace; Wrightstown, NJ'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2017–1188)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6420. 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 and Class E Airspace; Jacksonville, NC and Establishment of Class D Airspace; Jacksonville, NC'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2017–1159)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6421. 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 and Class E Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Smyrna Beach, FL'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0328)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6422. 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; St. Marys, GA'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0255)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6423. 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; Biloxi, MS, and Gulfport, MS'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2017–0865)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6424. 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; Lansing, MI'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0101)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6425. 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; Freeport, PA'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2017–0426)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6426. 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 Multiple Restricted Area Boundary Descriptions; Florida'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0728)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6427. 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 Chicago Class B Airspace and Chicago Class C Airspace; Chicago, IL'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0632)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6428. 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; Creswell, OR'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (Docket No. FAA–2018–0044)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6429. 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; Miscellaneous Amendments (76)'' (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6430. 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; Miscellaneous Amendments (82)'' (RIN2120–AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6431. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Delaware River Fireworks Display, Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0810)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6432. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Markers 751.2 to 751.8, Alma, WI'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0742)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6433. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0707)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6434. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Markers 230.4 to 215, Baton Rouge, LA'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0744)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6435. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Security Zone; Ohio River, Olmstead, IL'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–07000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6436. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0348)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6437. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Allegheny River Miles 0.7 to 1,0, Pittsburgh, PA'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0810)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6438. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Ohio River Miles 0.0 to 0.5, Pittsburgh, PA'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0743)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6439. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Sandusky Bicentennial Fireworks, Sandusky Bay, Sandusky, OH'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0777)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6440. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety Zone; Great Lakes Offshore Grand Prix, Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY'' ((RIN1625–AA00) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0683)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6441. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special Local Regulation; Roanoke River, Plymouth, NC'' ((RIN1625–AA08) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0771)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6442. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special Local Regulation; Michigan Championships; Detroit River; Detroit, MI'' ((RIN1625–AA08) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0732)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6443. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special Local Regulation; Battle of the Bridges, Intracoastal Waterway; Venice, FL'' ((RIN1625–AA08) (Docket No. USCG–2018–0608)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1768. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115–336).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

*Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer credit for paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3413. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Strength in Diversity Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3414. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the ''Captain Matthew J. August Post Office''; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 3415. A bill to extend, for a period of two years, the authority for operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3416. A bill to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to extend the period during which the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office may set or adjust certain fees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3417. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing