

Foreign Relations by motion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1546a, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 54. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

#### 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-7177. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “De Minimis Exception to the Swap Dealer Definition” (RIN3038-AE68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7178. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “*Bacillus Amyloliquefaciens* Strain ENV503; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9985-98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7179. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyriproxyfen; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9977-14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7180. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate” ((7 CFR Part 906) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0044; SC18-906-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7181. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Preparedness of the Department of Defense to Provide Support to Non-Contiguous States and Territories in Response to Disasters, Threats, and Emergencies”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7182. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a correspondence relating to the report on the amount of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7183. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, “Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account” and a semiannual listing of personal property contributed by coalition partners; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7184. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to

Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7185. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7186. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office’s 2018 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7187. A communication from the Sanctions Regulations Advisor, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rule Amending the Democratic Republic of the Congo Sanctions Regulations” (31 CFR Part 547) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7188. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility; North Carolina: Charlotte, City of, Mecklenburg, et al.” ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2018-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7189. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Affordable Housing Program Amendments Final Rule” (RIN2590-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7190. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committees on the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7191. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Annual Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7192. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supply Chain Risk Management Reliability Standards” ((RIN1902-AF48) (Docket No. RM17-13-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7193. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Three Plant Species on Hawaii Island” (RIN1018-AZ38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7194. 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; Reclassifying Tobusch Fishhooks Cactus from Endangered to Threatened and Adopting a New Scientific Name” (RIN1018-BB90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7195. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Foreign Species and Delisting, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Black-Capped Vireo From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants” (RIN1018-BB79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7196. 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; Removal of the Lesser Long-nosed Bat from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife” (RIN1018-BB91) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7197. A communication from the Conservation Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2018-2019 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations” (RIN1018-BC07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7198. 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; Alaska; Fine Particulate Matter Infrastructure Requirements” (FRL No. 9986-49-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7199. 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; Connecticut; Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Consumer Products and Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings” (FRL No. 9983-32-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7200. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area State Implementation Plan Requirements” ((RIN2060-AS82) (FRL No. 9986-53)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7201. 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 Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Petroleum Refinery Sector” ((RIN2060-AT50) (FRL No. 9986-68)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7202. 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; Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report” (FRL No. 9986-76-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7203. 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; State of Utah; Logan Nonattainment Area Fine Particulate Matter Sate Implementation Plan for Attainment of 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards” (FRL No. 9986-14-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7204. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice: Adjusted Applicable Dollar Amount for Fee Imposed by Sections 4375 and 4376” (Notice 2018-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7205. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Costs under the Simplified Methods” (RIN1545-BG07) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7206. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2019 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to the Internal Revenue Code Tax Tables and Other Items” (Rev. Proc. 2018-57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7207. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Guidance under Section 132(g) for the Exclusion from Income of Qualified Moving Expense Reimbursements” (Notice 2018-75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7208. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts for Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums” (RIN0960-AI37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7209. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Technical Corrections to the Vessel Repair Unit Regulations” (CBP Dec. 18-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7210. 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 amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Japan to support the development, integration, and support for Assault Amphibious Vehicles Reliability, Availability, Maintenance/Rebuild to Standard (AAV7A1 RAM/RS) vehicles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 18-058); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7211. 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 2018-0191-2018-0202); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7212. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Developmental Disabilities Programs for fiscal years 2013-2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7213. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on HHS Activities to Improve Women’s Health As Required by the Affordable Care Act”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7214. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventative Services Under the Affordable Care Act” (RIN1210-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7215. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventative Services Under the Affordable Care Act” (RIN1210-AB83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7216. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventative Services Under the Affordable Care Act” (RIN0938-AT54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7217. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Moral Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventative Services Under the Affordable Care Act”

(RIN1210-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7218. 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 “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 27, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7219. A communication from the Deputy Director, Directorate of Construction, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cranes and Derricks in Construction; Operator Qualification” (RIN1218-AC96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7220. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor’s Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7221. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7222. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Transportation’s Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7223. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department of Defense Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7224. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2018 annual report on the Farm Credit System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7225. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation’s annual report for calendar year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7226. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7227. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7228. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7229. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7230. A communication from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's Annual Management Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7231. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7232. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7233. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Financial Report for the Office of Government Ethics for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7234. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7235. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7236. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7237. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7238. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3403-EM in the Commonwealth of Virginia has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7239. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3404-EM in the State of Hawaii has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7240. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response

and recovery efforts for FEMA-3405-EM in the State of Florida has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7241. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3404-EM in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7242. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7243. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7244. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7245. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Securities and Exchange Commission's fiscal year 2018 Agency Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7246. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Extension of Eligibility to Certain TRICARE-Eligible Individuals; Effective Date of Enrollment" (RIN3206-AN58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7247. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personnel Management in Agencies" (RIN3206-AL98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 16, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-7248. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, seven (7) reports relative to vacancies in the Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7249. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Investigation, Enforcement, and Implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act Requirements"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7250. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF891) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7251. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative; Revisions to Cable Television Rate Regulations; Implementation of Sessions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992: Rate Regulation; Adoption of Uniform Accounting System for the Provision of Regulated Cable Service; Cable Pricing Flexibility" (FCC 18-148) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7252. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Service" ((WT Docket No. 01-289) (FCC 18-155)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7253. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Form 325 Data Collection; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative" ((MP Docket No. 17-290 and MP Docket No. 17-105) (FCC 18-136)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7254. 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, Miles 179 to 190, St. Louis, MO" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0815)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7255. 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; Columbia River, Cascade Locks, OR; Final Rule; Termination of Existing Safety Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0998)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7256. 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, Camden, NJ; Fireworks Display" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0948)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7257. 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; Penn's Landing Fireworks, Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0371)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7258. 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; Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0736)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7259. A communication from the Chief of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Carriers; Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment; Special Access Services for Price Cap Carriers" ((WC Docket Nos. 17-144, 16-143, 05-25) (FCC 18-146)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7260. A communication from the Deputy Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Use of Earth Stations in Motion Communicating with Geostationary Orbit Spaces in Frequency Band's Allocated to the Fixed Satellite Service" ((IB Docket No. 17-95) (FCC 18-138)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7261. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety; Plastic Pipe Rule" ((RIN2137-AE93)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7262. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Response to Petitions from Industry to Modify, Clarify, or Eliminate Regulations" ((RIN2137-AF09)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7263. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedural Revision to the Filing of Open Video System Certification Applications" ((MB Docket No. 17-105) (FCC 18-150)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7264. 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-2018-0297)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7265. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthi-

ness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0589)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7266. 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-2018-0637)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7267. 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-2018-0758)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7268. 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-2018-0908)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7269. 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-2018-0957)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7270. 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-2018-0027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7271. 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-2018-0408)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7272. 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-2018-0510)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7273. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthi-

ness Directives; SOCATA Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0326)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7274. 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; Engine Alliance Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0934)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7275. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. Turboprop Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0216)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7276. 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-2018-0551)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7277. 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-2018-0585)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7278. 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; International Aero Engines (IAE) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0404)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7279. 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; International Aero Engines (IAE) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0431)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7280. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airspace Designations; Incorporation by Reference Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0770)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7281. 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 E Airspace; and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Juneau, AK"



((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0125)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7282. 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 (150)" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7283. 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 (64)" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2018; 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-306. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to pass the language from the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, as contained in the Farm Bill of 2018, removing industrial hemp from the Schedule I Controlled Substance List and legalizing commercial industrial hemp production in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 421

Whereas, A bipartisan effort has taken place at both the Federal and State levels to pass legislation which would allow American farmers to compete with foreign nations in industrial hemp production; and

Whereas, The United States relied upon hemp production from the time period of the Mayflower voyage to the War of 1812 and through every world war; and

Whereas, Hemp production in Pennsylvania has a 260-year history due to the favorable climate and soil; and

Whereas, Industrial hemp plants are cultivated for products derived from the whole plant, including stalk, seeds, flower and roots for products including fiber, food, oil and extracts; and

Whereas, Industrial hemp has thousands of applications and can be refined into a variety of commercial products including paper, textiles, biodegradable plastics, cannabinoids, paint, insulation, biofuel, food and animal feed; and

Whereas, Each year, American companies are forced to import millions of dollars' worth of industrial hemp seed and fiber products annually from China, Canada, Europe and other countries; and

Whereas, Industrial hemp has often been confused with marijuana, as it is a member of the cannabis family; however, it has no psychoactive effect due to a very low level of tetrahydrocannabinol; and

Whereas, Chapter 7 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes defines industrial hemp as the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant with less than three-tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as THC; and

Whereas, Uncertainty about Federal laws inhibits investment in the United States and

Pennsylvania hemp industry by agricultural producers, manufacturers, processors and other businesses; and

Whereas, Section 7606 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, the Farm Bill of 2014 and the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2016, authorized State industrial hemp agricultural pilot research programs and the activities associated with such programs; and

Whereas, The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth, farmers, researchers and industry leaders recognized the potential for opportunities in industrial hemp production and products and in investment in Pennsylvania's industrial hemp industry where this Commonwealth could become a national leader to take advantage of the potential \$1 billion national market for growing, producing, processing and selling industrial hemp and industrial hemp products; and

Whereas, To this end, in 2016, the General Assembly and Governor of the Commonwealth enacted Act 92 of 2016, which established Chapter 7 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and authorized an industrial hemp research pilot program to commence the initial research into such potential opportunities; and

Whereas, In the fall of 2018, the Congress of the United States is poised to pass the language from the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, as contained in the 2018 Farm Bill, which removes industrial hemp from the Schedule I Controlled Substance List and legalizes commercial industrial hemp production in the United States; and

Whereas, The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth is encouraged to immediately commence a study of this Commonwealth's industrial hemp pilot program and other industrial hemp pilot programs in other states and their regulations to recommend and draft statutory or draft regulatory language to the General Assembly to expedite the entry of this Commonwealth into the commercial industrial hemp market upon passage of the language from the Hemp Farming Act by the Congress of the United States; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to pass the language from the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, as contained in the Farm Bill of 2018, removing industrial hemp from the Schedule I Controlled Substance List and legalizing commercial industrial hemp production in the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth to begin a study of the industrial hemp research pilot programs established under Act 92 of 2016 and similar research pilot programs in other states and their regulations to prepare any recommended draft legislation for submission to the General Assembly and a framework for any draft regulatory provisions that incorporate the following:

(1) The growth and cultivation of industrial hemp produced in compliance with Federal law is an agricultural crop.

(2) The producers of industrial hemp with this Commonwealth have access to United States-supplied seed, germplasm, rooted cuttings and other genetics.

(3) All industrial hemp projects, including genetics, that are produced in the Commonwealth shall be able to be freely shipped across State lines into and out of this Commonwealth.

(4) The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth prepares a process for institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth to obtain approval to conduct industrial hemp research that complies with existing law and is eligible for Federal grant funding.

(5) The Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth prepares educational programs and materials for the education of youth and the public on the growth, cultivation and market potential for industrial hemp; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Secretary of Agriculture of the Commonwealth, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-307. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Alabama memorializing their support for continued and increased exploration and production of the Gulf of Mexico, and urging the United States Congress to keep its commitment under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act to share Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) revenues with Gulf producing states and their coastal political subdivisions; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-308. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the acceptance of government-produced currency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "Ensuring Trust: Strengthening State Efforts to Overhaul the Guardianship Process and Protect Older Americans" (Rept. No. 115-392).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation under that Act (Rept. No. 115-393).

H.R. 3186. A bill to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-394).

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2560. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-395).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2599. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Rept. No. 115-396).

By Mr. CORKER, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3247. A bill to improve programs and activities relating to women's entrepreneurship and economic empowerment that are carried out by the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes.

S. 3654. A bill to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, to avoid the duplication of public diplomacy programs and efforts, to improve the research and evaluation of public diplomacy, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted: