

H.R. 1388. An act to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 297. An act to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chipewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 27, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 252. An act to authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army.

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-703. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2020”; 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-704. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2020”; 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-705. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9987-25-OCSPP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-706. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department

of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Scrapie in Sheep and Goats” (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0127) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-707. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Milk Marketing Orders - Amending the Class 1 Skim Milk Price Formula” ((7 CFR Part 1000) (Docket No. AMS-DA-18-0096)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-708. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pecans Grown in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas; Revision of Reporting Requirements” ((7 CFR Part 986) (Docket No. AMS-SC-18-0019; SC18-986-1 FR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-709. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products Inspection, Certification and Standards and Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products; Removal of Power of Attorney and Other Administrative Changes” ((7 CFR Parts 51 and 52) (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0106)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-710. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget Blueprint of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2020 received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations.

EC-711. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2018 Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessments from the Secretaries of Defense and Energy, the three national security laboratory directors, and the Commander, United States Strategic Command (OSS-2019-0274); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-712. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense support activities provided under the authority of Section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2004 during fiscal year 2018 (OSS-2019-0206); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-713. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additional time required to complete a report that includes a fuel budget justification for the upcoming fiscal year, an appendix of all Department of Defense operational energy initiatives, the Joint Staff’s progress in implementing the energy Key Performance Parameter, and certification of the Presi-

dent’s Budget as adequate for the implementation of the Department’s Operational Energy Strategy; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Appropriations.

EC-714. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials’ travel to Syria effective March 19, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-715. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials’ travel to Iraq effective March 19, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-716. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-717. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of six (6) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-718. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of eleven (11) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-719. 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 “Program to Encourage Public and Community Service (PACS)” (RIN0790-AK44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-720. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to transnational criminal organizations that takes additional steps to deal with the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-721. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-722. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to South Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-723. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-724. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-725. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-726. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of an item not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-727. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-728. A communication from the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) for the Bank's Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Performance Plan and Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Performance Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-729. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2019 annual report relative to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-730. A communication from the Program Specialist of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards" (RIN1557-AD84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-731. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN2590-AB01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 13, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-732. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Margin and Capital Requirements for Covered Swap Entities" (RIN2590-AB02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-733. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to OFAC Regulations to Incorporate the List of Foreign Financial Institutions Subject to Correspondent Account or Payable-Through Account Sanctions (CAPTA List)" (31 CFR Parts 561 and 566) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-734. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Regulations" (RIN1505-AC35) (31 CFR Part 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-735. 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 "Amendments to the Capital Plan Rule" (RIN7100-AF41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-736. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FAST Act Modernization and Simplification of Regulation S-K" (RIN3235-AM00) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-737. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2019" (RIN2501-AD90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-738. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Amended Section 203(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Power Act" (RIN1902-AB56) (Docket No. RM19-4-000) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-739. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf - Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN1014-AA42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-740. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the New Soo Locks Project, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, MI; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-741. 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; Indiana; Attainment Plan for Indianapolis and Terre Haute SO2 Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9991-10-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-742. 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 State Implementation Plans; California; Plumas County; Moderate Area Plan for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9990-34-Region 9) received during adjournment of the

Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-743. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; San Joaquin Valley, California" (FRL No. 9990-13-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-744. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methylene Chloride; Regulation of Paint and Coating Removal for Consumer Use Under TSCA Section 6(a)" (FRL No. 9989-29-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-745. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units; Technical Amendments" (FRL No. 9991-32-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-746. 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; Kentucky; Minor Sources Infrastructure Requirement for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, and 2010 Sulfur Dioxide NAAQS" (FRL No. 9991-40-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-747. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2019 Report to the Congress: Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-748. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "March 2019 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-749. 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 851 Relating to Investments in Stock and Securities" (RIN1545-BN55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-750. 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 "Distributions of Stocks and Securities of a Controlled Corporation" (Rev. Rul. 2019-09) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-751. 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 Calendar Year

Resident Population Figures" (Notice 2019-19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-752. 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 "Treasury Decision (TD): Amendments to the Low-Income Housing Credit Compliance-Monitoring Regulations" (RIN1545-BL39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-753. 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 "Treasury Decision (TD): Amendments to the Low-Income Housing Credit Utility Allowance Regulations" (RIN1545-BM28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-754. 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 "Treasury Decision (TD): Qualified Business Income Deduction" (RIN1545-BO71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-755. 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 firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of .50 caliber machine guns to Oman for the Royal Oman Guard in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTG 18-053); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-756. 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 firearms abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of 5.56mm semi-automatic assault rifles to Oman for the Omani Ministry of Defense in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTG 18-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-757. 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 defense articles, including technical data and defense services, to the United Kingdom and Israel to support the development, integration, and support for F-135 propulsion system Organizational Level (O-Level) maintenance field training, and services for the operation and sustainment of the F-35 Lightning II air systems operated by the Ministry of Defense in Israel in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTG 18-057); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-758. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment and the export of technical data and defense services, to Israel and Germany to support the manufacture of firearm components, parts, accessories, barrels, blank receivers, and breech mechanisms in

the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTG 18-101); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-759. 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 2019-0013 - 2019-0020); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-760. A communication from the Chairman, National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Thirteenth Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-761. A communication from the 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 March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-762. 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 "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; Extension of Compliance Dates for Subpart E" (21 CFR Part 112) (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0921) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-763. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for the Standard Borrower Defense to Repayment Applications; Institutions' Notifications of Financial Responsibility Events, Actions, and Conditions; Implementation of the Class Action Bans and Predispute Arbitration Agreements Provisions; the Repayment Rate and Financial Protection Disclosures Provisions of the 2016 Borrower Defense to Repayment Regulations" (RIN1840-AD19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-764. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Family Education Loan Program, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program" (RIN1840-AD19) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-765. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education

Act of 1965, as Amended by every Student Succeeds Act: Providing Equitable Services to Eligible Private School Children, Teachers, and Families" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-766. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Director, Office of Personnel Management, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-767. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-768. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, six (6) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-769. A communication from the Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of five recommendations adopted by the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 70th Plenary Session; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-770. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Congressional Budget Justification and Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2020, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-771. A joint communication from the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Armed Forces Retirement Home Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-772. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2017 FAIR Act inventory; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-773. A communication from a Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Department of Homeland Security Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2018–2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-563, "Short-Term Rental Regulation Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the

President together with the 2019 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-776. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-777. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Victims Compensation Fund established by the Witness Security Reform Act of 1984; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-778. 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-779. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “VA Acquisition Regulation: Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts” (RIN2900-AQ18) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-780. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fertility Counseling and Treatment for Certain Veterans and Spouses” (RIN2900-AP94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-781. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2018”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-782. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Transportation Statistics Annual Report 2018”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-783. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “ELDT; Commercial Driver’s License Upgrade from Class B to Class A” (RIN2126-AC05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-784. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Affairs; Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act; Correction” (RIN0648-BI40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 20, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-785. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Anchorage Ground; Sabine Pass, TX” (RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0388) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-786. 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 Zones: Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX” (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0156) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-787. 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 Zones: Missouri River, Mile Markers 450–625, St. Joseph, MO to Omaha, NE” (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0177) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-788. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991” (CG Docket No. 02-278) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-789. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Withdrawal of the Commission as an Accounting Authority in the Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile-Satellite Radio Services” (FCC 18-186) (IB Docket No. 98-96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 14, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-790. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Connect America Fund” (FCC 19-8) (WC Docket No. 10-90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-791. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Television Broadcasting Services; Cookeville and Franklin, TN” (MB Docket No. 18-383) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 18, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-792. 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” (FCC 19-21) (MB Docket No. 18-214) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 22, 2019; 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-16. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey urging the United States Congress to enact the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 85

Whereas, under current federal law, survivors of deceased military members are required to forfeit part or all of their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity when they are awarded Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); and

Whereas, currently, surviving spouses of active duty or retired members who died of a service-connected cause are required to forfeit \$1 of their SBP annuity for each \$1 received in DIC; and

Whereas, for FY 2017, the DIC was approximately \$1,258 a month and the offset wiped out most if not all of the SBP annuity compensation for a majority of survivors; and

Whereas, Congress has made attempts to help some of the survivors by: raising the lump-sum death gratuity for deaths after October 2001; ending the offset for survivors who remarry after age 57; and authorizing the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA), a modest monthly rebate (approximately \$310 in FY 2017) to SBP-DIC recipients subjected to this in equity; and

Whereas, however, the lump-sum increases in the death gratuity did not help the 95% of survivors whose spouses died of service-caused conditions before 2001. Forced to forfeit \$1,258 a month, survivors view the SSIA \$310 rebate a poor effort at restitution. Moreover, SSIA will terminate in May 2018 if Congress does not extend the allowance; and

Whereas, in 2007, the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission was asked to review the inequity and determined that when military service causes a member’s death, the DIC should be paid in addition to the SBP annuity, not subtracted from it; and

Whereas, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act is currently pending in Congress to: repeal certain provisions that require the offset of money paid in DIC compensation from SBP annuities for surviving spouses under 60 years of age; prohibit requiring repayment of certain monies previously paid to SBP recipients; and require certain military departments to pay the dependent children when there is no eligible surviving spouse; and

Whereas, this House urges Congress to pass the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act because our nation’s military personnel risk their lives to defend our nation and our freedoms and they should be able to trust that the benefits they designate for their families will be provided; Now, therefore, be it

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges Congress to enact the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Alaska urging the implementation of an oil and gas leasing program in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.