

EC-4704. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Oklahoma” (FRL No. 8847-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4705. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Improvements for Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Test Procedures” ((RIN2060-AV21) (FRL No. 7423.1-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4706. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters: Amendments” ((RIN2060-AU20) (FRL No. 6312-01-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4707. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “State of Michigan Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II Program; Primacy Approval” (FRL No. 8378-04-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4708. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Oklahoma; Volatile Organic Compound Emissions in Nonattainment Areas and Former Nonattainment Areas” (FRL No. 8698-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4709. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Arizona, California, Nevada; Emissions Statements Requirements” (FRL No. 8997-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4710. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District; Reasonably Available Control Technology” (FRL No. 9264-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4711. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions from Bakery Ovens” (FRL No. 9767-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4712. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Bird Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Migratory Bird Permits; Administrative Updates to 50 CFR Parts 21 and 22” (RIN1018-BF59) received on July 20, 2022; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4713. A communication from the Regulations Writer, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extension of Expiration Dates for Three Body System Listings” (RIN0960-A173) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4714. 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 “Extension and Amendment of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ethnological Material from Cyprus” ((RIN1515-AE74) (CBP Dec. 22-15)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4715. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Determination Under Sections 506(a)(1) and 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Military Assistance to Ukraine”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4716. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report on other U.S. contributions to the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during fiscal year 2020; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4717. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 27, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4718. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Board’s compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4719. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-4720. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Retroactive Quota Transfer from NC to MA” (RIN0648-XA843) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4721. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled “Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards” (RIN2137-AF46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 25, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4722. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Petition for Rulemaking of Sprint Corporation, Report and Order” ((FCC 22-48) (CG Docket No. 03-123)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4723. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Misuse of Internet Protocol Relay Service” ((FCC 22-49) (CG Docket No. 03-123) (CG Docket No. 10-51) (CG Docket No. 12-38)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4724. A communication from the Program Analyst, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services” (WC Docket No. 12-375) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4725. A communication from the Program Analyst, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service; Petition for Rulemaking and Interim Waiver of Convo Communications, LLC, Report and Order” ((FCC 22-49) (CG Docket No. 03-123) (CG Docket No. 10-51) (CG Docket No. 13-24)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2022; 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-173. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to enact federal legislation requiring food service establishments to notify patrons if they are serving imported shrimp; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 253

Whereas, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in 2019 the United States imported six billion pounds of edible seafood products, including one and one half billion pounds of shrimp, an increase of nearly six and one half million pounds more than the shrimp imported in 2018; and

Whereas, the 2019 shrimp imports alone, valued at six billion dollars, accounted for twenty-seven percent of the total value of imported seafood that year, which reached twenty-two billion dollars; and

Whereas, it is estimated that over half of the imported seafood consumed in the United States is from aquaculture, or seafood farming, rather than wild-caught; and

Whereas, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for the safety of all fish and fishery products entering the United States and sold in Louisiana; and

Whereas, the FDA's seafood safety program is governed by its Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point regulations, which address food safety management through the analysis and control of biological, chemical, and physical hazards from raw material production, procurement and handling, to manufacturing, distribution, and consumption of the finished product; and

Whereas, FDA regulations are supposed to measure compliance for imported seafood with inspections of foreign processing facilities, sampling of seafood offered for import into the United States, domestic surveillance sampling of imported products, inspections of seafood importers, foreign country program assessments, and the use of information from foreign partners and FDA overseas offices; and

Whereas, in 2011 the FDA was only inspecting two percent of the seafood imported into the United States; and

Whereas, unfortunately 2011 is the last year for which data regarding the percentage of imports inspected is available due to a lack of transparency and inadequate assessment measures; and

Whereas, in 2011 the Government Accountability Office (GAO) noted that the FDA's assessments of foreign aquaculture operations was limited by the FDA's lack of procedures, criteria, and standards; and ten years later, a 2021 GAO report found that the agency was failing to monitor the effectiveness of its own enforcement policies and procedures; and

Whereas, in contrast, the European Union regularly conducts physical checks of approximately twenty percent of all imported fish products that are fresh, frozen, dry, salted, or hermetically sealed, and for certain fishery products, physical checks are conducted on approximately fifty percent of imports; and

Whereas, the Louisiana State University School of Renewable Natural Resources published a 2020 paper titled "Determination of Sulfite and Antimicrobial Residue in Imported Shrimp to the USA", which presented findings from a study of shrimp imported from India, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Bangladesh, and Ecuador and purchased from retail stores in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

Whereas, a screening of these shrimp for sulfites and residues from antimicrobial drugs found the following: (1) five percent of the shrimp contained malachite green, (2) seven percent contained oxytetracycline, (3) seventeen percent contained fluoroquinolone, and (4) seventy percent contained nitrofurantoin, all of which have been banned by the FDA in domestic aquaculture operations; and

Whereas, although the FDA requires that food products exposed to sulfites must include a label with a statement about the presence of sulfites, of the forty-three percent of these locally purchased shrimp found to contain sulfites, not one package complied with this labeling requirement; and

Whereas the drug and sulfite residues included in this screening, can be harmful to human health during both handling and con-

sumption and have been known to cause all of the following: liver damage and tumors, reproductive abnormalities, cardiac arrhythmia, renal failure, hemolysis, asthma attacks, and allergic reactions; and

Whereas, the results of this study confirm that existing screening and enforcement measures for imported seafood are insufficient; whatever the percentage of imports inspected may be, seafood is currently being imported that contains unsafe substances that put American consumers at risk; and

Whereas, because imported seafood is not held to the same standards as domestic seafood, domestic fishing industries are put at a distinct and significant disadvantage commercially; and

Whereas, according to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the average value of Louisiana shrimp fell from three dollars eighty cents per pound in 1980 to one dollar fifty cents per pound in 2017; and

Whereas, this unfair competition allows foreign competitors to flood the United States market with shrimp harvested under intensive farming practices using antimicrobial drugs, while devastating local industries and the coastal communities built around them; and

Whereas, Louisiana passed a law in 2019 requiring food service establishments to provide notice to patrons that they are serving shrimp imported from, a foreign country; and

Whereas, Louisiana Revised Statute 40:5.5.4 requires any food service establishment that sells or provides cooked or prepared shrimp originating outside the United States to display the country of origin of such shrimp, or denote that it is imported, on all menus in the same font as the rest of the menu, or if no menu is used, to display such information on a sign at least eighteen inches tall and wide, located in a conspicuous place, with lettering at least one inch in size; and

Whereas, like Louisiana consumers, consumers across the United States deserve to be protected from harmful chemicals and residues found in imported shrimp; and

Whereas, consumers across the United States likewise have the right to know whether the shrimp prepared and served to them in food service establishments are imported; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to enact federal legislation requiring food service establishments to provide notice to patrons if they are serving imported shrimp; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Congress and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-174. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to support the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, including Congressman Troy Carter's amendment to review recreational hazards along the banks of the Mississippi River, in order to protect lives by alerting the public to dangerous conditions on the river and riverbank; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210

Whereas, three children tragically lost their lives in Algiers on April 23, 2022; and

Whereas, 8-year-old Ally Wilson, 14-year-old Brandy Wilson, and 15-year-old Kevin Poole went missing while playing on the bank of the Mississippi River near the Crescent City Connection and are believed to have been taken by the strong current of the river; and

Whereas, this devastating tragedy has called attention to the dangers posed by open access to the banks of the Mississippi River and the lack of safety measures and warning signs cautioning the public against hazards along the riverbank and dangerous river conditions; and

Whereas, the New Orleans City Council unanimously passed a resolution directing several government agencies to take all necessary steps to install warning signs in the area where these children accessed the river; and

Whereas, Congress is currently considering the Water Resources and Development Act of 2022 (WRDA), a bill passed by every session of Congress that authorizes and funds the activities of the United States Army Corps of Engineers relative to flood control, navigation, and ecosystem restoration; and

Whereas, the Mississippi River levee system is under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the banks of the Mississippi River can be regulated through legislation under WRDA; and

Whereas, on May 18, 2022, Congressman Troy Carter of Louisiana was able to add an amendment to the United States House of Representatives version of WRDA, introduced as H.R. 7776 of the 117th Congress, which would require the United States Army Corps of Engineers to review potential threats to human life and safety from recreational areas at the banks of the Mississippi River in Louisiana and to install signage and other measures at such recreational areas necessary to alert the public of hazardous water conditions or to otherwise minimize or eliminate any identified threats to human life and safety; and

Whereas, these efforts by the City of New Orleans and Congressman Troy Carter have the potential to save lives and prevent the type of tragic loss experienced by the Wilson and Poole families, and the Algiers community, this spring: Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to support the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, including Congressman Troy Carter's amendment to review recreational hazards along the banks of the Mississippi River, in order to protect lives by alerting the public to dangerous conditions on the river and riverbank; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the United States Senate, the House of Representatives, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WYDEN for the Committee on Finance.

*Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE for Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Roopal H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

E. Martin Estrada, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

Gregory J. Haanstad, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

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