

law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1225. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules including one rule relative to approval and promulgation of plans, (FRL-5691-3, 5590-8, 5682-5, 5693-8, 5693-8, 5693-5, 5583-4, 5590-4) received on February 24, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1226. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to national emission standards, (FRL-5695-9) received on February 25, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1227. A communication from the Regulations Unit Chief of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 97-19, received on February 25, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1228. A communication from the Regulations Unit Chief of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to per diem allowances, received on February 25, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1229. A communication from the Regulations Unit Chief of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to cost depletion, received on February 25, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1230. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General (Office of Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Act of 1997"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1231. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant law, the annual report under the Freedom of Information Act for 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, Senate rule XXVI.8(b), which requires the submission by March 31 of this year of a report activities of the committee for the previous Congress.

In accordance with the requirements, I am submitting the report of the activities of the Senate Committee on Armed Services during the 104th Congress. This report outlines the most noteworthy legislative and other achievements of our committee.

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States During the 104th Congress First and Second Sessions" (Rept. No. 105-6).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 358. A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 359. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to change the payment system for health maintenance organizations and competitive medical plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 360. A bill to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 361. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit the sale, import, and export of products labeled as containing endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 362. A bill to deter and punish serious gang and violent crime, promote accountability in the juvenile justice system, prevent juvenile and youth crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 363. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that violent video programming is limited to broadcast after the hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, unless it is specifically rated on the basis of its violent content so that it is blockable by electronic means specifically on the basis of that content; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. GORTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 364. A bill to provide legal standards and procedures for suppliers of raw materials and component parts for medical devices; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 365. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased accountability by Internal Revenue Service agents and other Federal Government officials in tax collection practices and procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. KYL, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 366. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to prohibit the consideration of retroactive tax increases; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 367. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to allow leave to address domestic violence and its effects,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and Mr. INHOFE):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit retroactive increases in taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 358. A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

THE RICKY RAY HEMOPHILIA RELIEF FUND ACT

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I introduce, along with my distinguished colleague Senator BOB GRAHAM, the Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997. This legislation will serve as the counterpart to similar legislation that will be introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative PORTER GOSS.

Mr. President, the purpose of this legislation is to offer some measure of relief to families that have suffered serious medical and financial setbacks because of their reliance on the Federal Government's protection of the blood supply.

In 1995, the Institute of Medicine released the findings of a major investigation into how America's hemophilia community came to be decimated by the HIV virus.

According to that report, the Federal agencies responsible for blood safety did not show the appropriate level of diligence in screening the blood supply.

The Federal agencies did not move as quickly as they should have to approve blood products that were potentially safer.

And the Federal Government did not warn the hemophilia community, when the Government knew—or should have known—that there were legitimate concerns that the blood supply might not be safe.

The Government's failure caused serious harm to real people—people who were counting on the Government to meet its responsibilities.

Mr. President, this legislation is about trust. A substantial number of citizens trusted the Government to exercise due vigilance, and the Government let them down. It's only right that the Government try to offer them some measure of relief.

Mr. President, I recognize the budgetary realities we have to confront. As we move through the process, we will have to address the issue of compensation. I think it's absolutely essential that we begin this process—now.

By Mr. CRAIG: