

Senate and the House of Representatives for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4250. An act to provide new patient protections under group health plans.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6210. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule "Business Development/Small Disadvantaged Business Status Determinations" received on July 25, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-6211. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contractor Insurance/Pension Reviews" (Case 97-D012) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6212. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers" (RIN0572-AA93) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6213. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Helium Contracts" (RIN1004-AD24) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6214. A communication from the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of the Maximum Retrospective Deferred Premium" (RIN3150-AG01) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6215. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption (Chlorine Dioxide)" (Docket 94F-0040) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6216. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oral Dosage Form New Animal Drugs; Ivermectin Liquid" received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6217. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs For Use In Animal Feeds; Bacitracin Methylene Disalicylate, Decoquinatone and Roxarsone" re-

ceived on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6218. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary's Report on Management Decisions on the Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6219. A communication from the Interim District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1997 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6220. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of additions to the Committee's Procurement List dated July 20, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6221. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of military retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6222. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Russia-NIS Program Office, International Trade Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cooperative Agreement Program for American Business Centers in Russia and the New Independent States" (Docket 980716181-8181-01) received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6223. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the marketing and authorization of radio frequency devices (Docket 94-45) received on July 24, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6224. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding a change of terminology in the Small Business Investment Companies regulations received on July 23, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-6225. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the allocation of emergency funds to eleven States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-6226. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Presidential Report on the Physicians Comparability Allowance"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6227. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on drug and alcohol abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6228. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding Colorado landfill gas emissions (FRL6131-7) received on July 24, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6229. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Pan-American Highway Macro-Economic, Pre-Feasibility Study"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6230. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Reve-

nue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computation of the Differential Earnings Rate and the Recomputed Differential Earnings Rate" (Rev. Rul. 98-38) received on July 24, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6231. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the effectiveness and appropriateness of current mechanisms for surveying and certifying skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Government Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 314: A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-269).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2244: A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to promote volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refugees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-270).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-271).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999" (Rept. No. 105-272).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1856: A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region, and for other purposes.

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. 2112: A bill to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the United States Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HELMS), from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 103: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the recommendations of the International Commission of Jurists on Tibet and on United States policy with regard to Tibet.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

Carolyn H. Becraft, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Ruby Butler DeMesme, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.