

timely compensation for accident victims, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3295. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building."

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-6778. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs" (RIN2900-AE64) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6779. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of a routine military retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6780. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on an event based decision made for the F-22 aircraft program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6781. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on United States contributions to international organizations for the fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6782. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-116-98-130); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules" (RIN0651-AA87) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6784. A communication from the Information Officer of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Freedom of Information Act for the period January 1, 1997 through September 30, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6785. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Definition of an Unemployed Parent" (RIN0938-AH79) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6786. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offering Regulations for the United States Savings Bonds, Series I" (Code 4810-39P) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6787. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offset of Tax Refund Payments to Collect Past-Due, Legally

Enforceable Nontax Debt" (RIN1510-AA62) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6788. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Offset—Collection of Past-Due Support" (RIN1510-AA58) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6789. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-43) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6790. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 98-45) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6791. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expensing of Environmental Remediation Costs" (Rev. Proc. 98-47) received on August 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6792. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Income of Participants in Common Trust Fund" (Rev. Rul. 98-41) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6793. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action on Decision: Estate of Clara K. Hoover, Deceased, Yetta Hoover Bidegain, Personal Representative v. Commissioner" (Docket 18464-92) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6794. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action on Decision: Barry I. Fredricks v. Commissioner" (Docket 16442-92) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6795. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action on Decision: McCormick v. Peterson" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6796. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Stock and Securities of a Controlled Corporation" (Rev. Rul. 98-44) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6797. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designated Private Delivery Services" (Rev. Rul. 98-47) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6798. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forms and Instructions" (Rev.

Proc. 98-49) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6799. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rollover of Gain From Qualified Small Business Stock to Another Qualified Small Business Stock" (Rev. Proc. 98-48) received on September 7, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6800. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protected Benefits (Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997); Qualified Retirement Plan Benefits" (RIN1545-AV95) received on September 7, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6801. A communication from the National Director of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Wages Under Section 41 in Determining the Tax Credit for Increasing Research Activities" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6802. A communication from the National Director of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dollar-Value LIFO Bargain Purchase Inventory" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6803. A communication from the National Director of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covenants Not to Compete" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6804. A communication from the National Director of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dollar-Value LIFO Segment of Inventory Excluded From the Computation of the LIFO Index" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6805. A communication from the National Director of Appeals, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifying Wages Under Section 41 in Determining the Tax Credit for Increasing Research Activities" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6806. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on the processing of continuing disability reviews for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6807. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program; Participating States for the 1998-99 Season" (RIN1018-AE96) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6808. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998-99 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations" (RIN1018-AE68) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6809. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Captive-Bred Wildlife Registration—Final Rule" (RIN1018-AB10) received on September 7, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6810. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Illinois Cave Amphoid as Endangered" (RIN1018-AE31) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6811. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding guidelines for using probabilistic risk assessment in risk-informed decisions on plant-specific changes to the licensing basis of nuclear power plants (Guide 1.174) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6812. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Fuels and Material Facilities" (Guide 3.71) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6813. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Applications for Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Registration" (NUREG-1556) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6814. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Reports of Building Project Survey for Springfield, MA, Biloxi-Gulfport, MS, Eugene, OR, and Wheeling, WV; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6815. 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 entitled "Emergency Revision of the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) Treatment Standards for Listed Hazardous Wastes from Carbamate" (FRL6154-5) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6816. 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 entitled "Lead; Fees for Accreditation of Training Programs and Certification of Lead-Based Paint Activities Contractors" (FRL6017-8) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6817. 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 entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Amendments" (FRL6155-5) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6818. 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 entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Bay Area Air Quality Management District" (FRL6138-8) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6819. 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 entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan; Illinois" (FRL6152-5) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6820. 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 entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Reasonable Available Control Technology for Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Batch Processes" (FRL6156-3) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6821. 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 entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Total Reduced Sulfur Emissions from Existing Kraft Pulp Mills" (FRL6155-9) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6822. 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 entitled "Characteristic Slags Generated from Thermal Recovery of Lead by Secondary Lead Smelters; Land Disposal Restrictions; Final Rule; Extension of Effective Date" (FRL6155-7) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6823. 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 entitled "Determination of Attainment of the Air Quality for PM-10 in the Liberty Borough, Pennsylvania Area" (FRL6149-3) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6824. 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 entitled "Process and Criteria for Funding State and Territorial Nonpoint Source Management Programs in FY1999" received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6825. 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 entitled "State of New Jersey; Final Program Determination of Adequacy of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program" (FRL6155-8) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6826. 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 entitled "Acrylic Acid Terpolymer, Partial Sodium Salts; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL6024-1) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6827. 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 entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to Several Chapters of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management

(ADEM) Administrative Code for the Air Pollution Control Program" (FRL6156-7) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6828. 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 entitled "Certain Chemical Substances; Removal of Significant New Use Rules" (FRL6020-7) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6829. 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 entitled "Herbicide Safener HOE-107892; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6024-7) received on September 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2119. A bill to amend the Amateur Sports Act to strengthen provisions protecting the right of athletes to compete, recognize the Paralympics and growth of disabled sports, improve the U.S. Olympic Committee's ability to resolve certain disputes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105^a 325).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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. DASCHLE:

S. 2455. A bill to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to prevent the canceling of annuities to certain divorced spouses of workers whose widows elect to receive lump sum payments; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2456. A bill to convert a temporary Federal judgeship in the district of Hawaii to a permanent judgeship, extend statutory authority for magistrate positions in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2457. A bill to make a technical correction to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act of 1986; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.