

REPORT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA CONCERNING FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 163

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia extending the Agreement of June 1, 1992, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States, with annex, as extended ("the 1992 Agreement"). The present Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes in Tallinn on March 10 and June 11, 1998, extends the 1992 Agreement to June 30, 2000.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Estonia, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 14, 1998.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3899. An act to expand homeownership in the United States.

H.R. 4756. An act to ensure that the United States is prepared to meet the Year 2000 computer problem.

H.R. 4805. An act to require reports on travel of Executive branch officers and employees to international conferences, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1364. An act to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports.

S. 1693. An act to provide for improved management and increased accountability for certain National Park Service programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1754. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1722. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. 2364. An act to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 and the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2327) to provide for a change in the exemption from the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 for minors who are 17 years of age and who engage in the operations of automobiles and trucks.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1260) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2411. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

H.R. 2886. An act to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management for that unit of the National Forest System.

H.R. 3796. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management.

H.R. 4081. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas.

H.R. 4284. An act to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 4658. An act to extend the date by which an automated entry-exit control system must be developed.

At 2:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 135. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 135. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 759. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity.

S. 1397. An act to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers.

S. 2129. An act to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of African-American music to global culture and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate African-American music.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1274) to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

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-7478. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the Department's intent to obligate funds for activities of the Non-proliferation and Disarmament Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7479. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a Presidential Determination (98-39) admitting refugees of special humanitarian concern to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7480. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of routine military retirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7481. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed allocation of funds under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program to carry out chemical weapons destruction activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7482. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation regarding the "Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act" (Report 461) dated October 8, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-7483. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-7484. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additions to the Committee's Procurement Lists dated October 6, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7485. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report entitled "Telemarketing Fraud Offenses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7486. 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. 98-54) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7487. 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 "Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions; Immediate Final Rule" (FRL6176-7) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7488. 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 "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions; Immediate Final Rule" (FRL6176-1) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7489. 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 entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Macon Hampton and Roswell, Georgia)" (Docket 98-18) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7490. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Buffalo Bayou, TX" (Docket 08-98-066) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7491. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Lafourche Bayou, LA" (Docket 08-98-064) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7492. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operating Regulation; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway; Grassy Sound Channel" (Docket 05-98-083) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7493. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delaware River Safety Zone and Ancorage Regulations" (Docket 05-98-084) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7494. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Amendment to Time of Designation for Restricted Area R-2908, Pensacola, FL" (Docket 97-ASO-9) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7495. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of Colored Federal Airway; AK" (Docket 98-AAL-6) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7496. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-700 and -800 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-272-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7497. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Canada PW530A Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-58-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7498. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospatiale Model ATR42-200 and -300 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-266-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7499. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F27 Mark 050, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700 Rough Field Version (RFV) Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-92-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7500. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model 4101 Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-168-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7501. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-173-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7502. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-30, SD3-60, SD3-60 SHERPA, and SD3 SHERPA Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-203-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7503. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model BAe 146-100A, -200A, and -300A Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-214-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7504. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model Avro 146-RJ85A and RJ100A Series Airplanes" (Docket

98-NM-235-AD) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7505. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnetic Levitation Transportation Technology Deployment Program" (Docket FRA-98-4545) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7506. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision" (Docket FHWA-98-3637) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7507. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Brokerage Firms as Depositories Under the Capitol Construction Fund Program" (Docket MARAD-98-4433) received on October 9, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7508. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Highway Safety Data and Traffic Records Improvements" (Docket NHTSA-98-4532) received on October 9, 1998; 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-552. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association relative to children's gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-553. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association relative to the "Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-554. A resolution adopted by the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association relative to workplace violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 105-6; 105-11; 105-12; 105-22; 105-23; 105-24; 105-27; 105-34; 105-37; 105-38; 105-40; 105-41; 105-42; 105-44; 105-47; and 105-52 (Exec. Rept. 105-22).

#### TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT

*Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),* That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Hong Kong on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with Annex, signed in Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-6), subject to the understanding of subsection (a), the declaration of subsection (b), and the provisos of subsection (c).

(a) UNDERSTANDING.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification: