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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. 24. Concurrent resolution expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 3 of Public Law 94-304, as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. WOLF of Virginia, Mr. SALMON of Arizona, Mr. GREENWOOD of Pennsylvania, and Mr. FORBES of New York.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

H.R. 540. An act to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges to residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medical Program.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 807. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit to persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 819. An act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 858. An act to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood.

#### 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-2222. 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: Oregon" (FRL6307-5) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2223. 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: Kentucky; Approval of Revisions to Basic Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL6307-8) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2224. 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 of Section 112(1) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks; State of California" (FRL6236-9) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2225. 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" (FRL6308-2) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2226. 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; Ohio: Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio" (FRL6234-3) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2227. 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 emissions standards for furniture coating operations and ship building and repair operations in Texas (FRL6239-5) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2228. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniformed Financial Reporting Standards for HUD Housing Programs; Technical Amendment" received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2229. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disposition of HUD-Acquired Single Family Property; Final Rule" received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2230. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing

and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Submission of Required Data by Multifamily Mortgagees to Report Mortgage Delinquencies, Defaults, Reinstatements, Assignment Elections, and Withdrawals of Assignment Elections" (FR-4303) received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2231. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination in Programs and Activities Receiving Assistance Under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974" (FR-4092) received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2232. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Due Date of First Annual Performance Report Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996" (RIN2577-AB93) received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2233. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Equity Conversion Mortgages; Consumer Protection Measures Against Excessive Fees" (FR-4306) received on February 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2234. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a financial guarantee to support the sale of two Boeing 737-700 aircraft to Royal Air Maroc; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2235. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report on base salary structures for Executive and Graded employees for 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2236. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket FEMA-7707) received on March 10, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2237. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weapons of Mass Destruction Trade Control Regulations: Implementation of Executive Order 13094" received on February 17, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2238. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the impact of the requirements for double-hull tankers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2239. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Department of Defense reimbursement of contractor environmental response action costs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2240. 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;