

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON CERTIFICATION OF EXPORTING TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SATELLITE FUELS AND SEPARATION SYSTEMS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 26

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of Public Law 105-261, the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, I hereby certify that the export to the People's Republic of China of satellite fuels and separation systems for the U.S.-origin Iridium commercial communications satellite program:

(1) is not detrimental to the United States space launch industry; and

(2) the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from such export, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 10, 1999.

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-2964. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)", received on April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2965. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement", received on April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2966. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, 2000"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2967. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean

Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a "Request for Proposals for the Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Project" (RIN0648-ZA60) received on April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2968. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding bluefin tuna, for calendar years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2969. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding highly migratory species; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2970. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Transportation Safety Board Amendments of 1999"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2971. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Voluntary Seafood Inspection Performance Based Organization Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2972. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various transportation matters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2973. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines; Detectable Warnings" (RIN3015-AA24), received March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2974. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the activities of the Department regarding the guarantee of obligations issued to finance the construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of eligible export vessels for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2975. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Performance and Registration Information Systems Management Project" dated March 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2976. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a report entitled "Development of Plans For Responding to Aviation Disasters Involving Civilians on Government Aircraft", dated March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2977. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of Activities which Respond to National Transportation Safety Board's Recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation" for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2978. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a vacancy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2979. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code"; 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-84. A resolution adopted by the Land Use and Zoning Authority, City of Dearborn Heights, Michigan relative to pending federal land use and zoning legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-85. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Whereas, ongoing depressed prices at the market place for agricultural products have created an economic emergency for rural America; and

Whereas, an investigation into the causes of the crisis in the agricultural economy, including a full investigation of market competitiveness in livestock and crops and a re-examination of trade agreements is warranted and necessary; and

Whereas, action is necessary at the federal state level to stabilize this nation's food producers, main street businesses, and rural America as a whole: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That the South Dakota Legislature requests the following actions by the Congress and the executive agencies of the federal government:*

(1) The commencement of vigorous antitrust investigations into the concentration of ownership in meat packing, grain handling, and retail agricultural operations;

(2) A block of the proposed Cargill-Continental Grain merger;

(3) Country-of-origin labeling of meat and meat products and a limitation of the USDA label to United States production;

(4) Mandatory price reporting for livestock and grain;

(5) Shift the responsibility for the regulation of packers and stockyards and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act from the United States Department of Agriculture to the Justice Department;

(6) Inspections of imported agricultural products to ensure that such products have met standards equivalent to United States standards for food safety and environmental and worker protection; and

(7) Actions to ensure that farm and ranch producer interests are represented at the 1999 World Trade Organization negotiations.

POM-86. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 440

Whereas, federal legislation entitled the "Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999" has been introduced in the 106th Session of Congress which would provide financial assistance to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; and

Whereas, funds received pursuant to the Act may be used for projects and activities related to air quality, water quality, fish and wildlife, wetlands, or other coastal resources, including shoreline protection and coastal restoration; and