

The Senate and my Administration, working together, reached agreement on a detailed resolution of advice and consent to ratification, including 13 conditions covering issues of significant interest and concern. I will implement these provisions. I will, of course, do so without prejudice to my Constitutional authorities. A condition in a resolution of advice and consent to ratification cannot alter the allocation of authority and responsibility under the Constitution, for both the Congress and the President.

I am grateful to Majority Leader Lott, Minority Leader Daschle, and Senators Helms, Biden, Leahy, and the many others who have assisted in this ratification effort. It is clear that the practical result of our work together on the Protocol will well serve the critical humanitarian interest of protecting civilians from the dangers posed to them by landmines, as well as the imperative requirements of ensuring the safety and effectiveness of U.S. military forces. In this spirit, I express my hope that the Protocol will lead to further sound advances in the development of the international law of armed conflict.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 24, 1999.

**NOTICE ON AMENDED PROTOCOL ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MINES, BOOBY-TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES, TOGETHER WITH ITS TECHNICAL ANNEX—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 32**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, together with its Technical Annex, adopted by the Senate of the United States on May 20, 1999, I hereby certify that:

In connection with Condition (1)(B), Pursuit Deterrent Munition, the Pursuit Deterrent Munition shall continue to remain available for use by the United States Armed Forces at least until January 1, 2003, unless an effective alternative to the munition becomes available.

In connection with Condition (6), Land Mine Alternatives, in pursuing alternatives to United States anti-personnel mines or mixed anti-tank systems, I will not limit the types of alternatives to be considered on the basis of any criteria other than those specified in the sentence that follows. In pursuit of alternatives to United States anti-personnel mines, or mixed anti-tank systems, the United States shall seek to identify, adapt, modify, or

otherwise develop only those technologies that (i) are intended to provide military effectiveness equivalent to that provided by the relevant anti-personnel mine, or mixed anti-tank system; and (ii) would be affordable.

In connection with Condition (7), Certification with Regard to International Tribunals, with respect to the Amended Mines Protocol, the Convention on Conventional Weapons, or any future protocol or amendment thereto, the United States shall not recognize the jurisdiction of any international tribunal over the United States or any of its citizens.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 24, 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-3149. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Effectiveness of Occupant Protection Systems and Their Use" dated April 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class C Airspace and Revocation of Class D Airspace, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, TX; and Revocation of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Class C; Delay of Effective Date; Docket No. 97-AWA-4/4-30 (5-3)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0170), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Port of New York/ New Jersey Fleet Week (CGD001-98-170)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0017), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of ten rules relative to Regatta Regulations (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0009), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Aeronautical Information Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 1929" (RIN2120-AA65), received May 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Aeronautical Information Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (82); Amdt. No. 1928" (RIN2120-AA65), received May 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmom Fisheries; 1999 Management Measures" (RIN0648-AK21), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rule to Certify Jones-Davis and Gulf Fishery Bycatch Reduction Devices Under Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico" (RIN0648-AL14), received April, 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Framework Adjustment 28" (RIN0648-AM10), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3158. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Financial Disclosure" (RIN0648-AG16), received May 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3159. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program" (RIN0648-AL21), received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3160. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received May 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3161. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Trip Limit Adjustments", received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3162. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Acquisition and Technology, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending December 31, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3163. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/Other

flatfish' Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area", received April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3164. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska", received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3165. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustments From Cape Falcon, OR to Point Pitas, CA", received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States—Announcement That the Scup Commercial Quota Has Been Harvested for the Winter I Period", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel; in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3171. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3172. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod for Vessels Using Hook-and-Line and Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3173. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bumper Safety Standards" (RIN2127-AH59), received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3174. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Light Truck Fuel Economy Standards for Model Year 2001" (RIN2127-AH52), received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3175. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Participation in and Receiving Data from the National Driver Register Problem Driver Pointer System" (RIN2127-AH54), received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3176. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Device Placement" (RIN2127-AF40), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3177. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996" (CC Docket No. 96-98; 3rd Order on Reconsideration and Further NPRM), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3178. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Market Place Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended" (CC Docket No. 96-61), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3179. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, First Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (FCC 99-48), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3180. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computer III Further Remand Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services" (CC Docket No. 95-20), received April 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3181. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice 99-22: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit—1999 Possessions Population Figures" (OGI-121622-98), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3182. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting a report entitled "Analysis of the Climate Change Technology Initiative", dated April 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3183. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to exempt disaster employees from filing Virgin Island income tax forms; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3184. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3185. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3186. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed export license with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3188. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a list of countries not cooperating with U.S. antiterrorism efforts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3189. A communication from the President, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation amending the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3190. A communication from the Director, Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two vacancies in the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3191. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3192. A communication from the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management and the Senior Civilian Official, OASD(C3D), Department of Defense, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to Year 2000 compliance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3193. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in Iowa Marketing Area; Revision of Rule, DA-99-02", received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3194. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3195. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Diseases of the Ear and other Sense Organs" (RIN2900-AF22), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3196. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3197. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uranium Industry Annual 1998"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3198. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manual for Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System Reporting and Data Management" (DOE M 447.1-2), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3199. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing and Maintaining a Facility Representative Program at DOE Facilities" (DOE STD 1063-97), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3200. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integration of Environment, Safety and Health into Facility Disposition Activities" (DOE STD 1120-98), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3201. A communication from the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, transmitting a report relative to the Federal-CNMI Initiative on Labor Immigration, and Law Enforcement, dated April 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3202. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Complaint Procedures" (Docket No. RM98-13-000), received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3203. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a report entitled "Oil and Gas Leasing Program Evaluation Report", dated October 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3204. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. WV-077-FOR), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3205. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, 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 May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3206. A communication from the Director, 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received May 11, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3207. A communication from the Director, 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 "Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Sutures; (Phtalocyaninato (2-)) Copper", received May 5, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3208. A communication from the Director, 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvant, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3209. A communication from the Director, 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 "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvant, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3210. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3211. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "FDA Review Fee Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3212. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Health Service Corps; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3213. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3214. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering: 1998"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3215. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3216. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Chairperson of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, jointly, a report entitled "Hedge Funds, Leverage, and the Lessons of Long-Term Capital Management", dated April 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3217. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction in-

volving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3218. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to prompt corrective action for federally insured credit unions, received May 11, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3219. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Affordable Housing Program Regulation" (RIN3060-AA82), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3220. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Affordable Housing Program Regulation" (RIN3069-AA73), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exports to Cuba" (RIN0694-AB93), received May 11, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3222. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention; Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AB67), received May 11, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3223. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking for EDGAR System" (RIN3235-AH70), received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3224. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale For Flood Insurance, 64 FR 24957, 05/10/99" (Docket No. FEMA-7712), received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3225. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization of Solicitations during the Combined Federal Campaign" (RIN3206-AI53), received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3226. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order: In the Matter of Cable Act Reform Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" (CS Docket No. 98-85, FCC 99-57), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3227. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Cable Services Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order: In the Matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Streamlining of Cable Television Services Part 76 Public File and Notice Requirements" (CS Docket No. 98-132, FCC 99-12), received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3228. A communication from the Associate Chief, International Bureau, Telecom Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order: In the Matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review, Reform of the International Settlement Policy and Associated Filing Requirements, et al." (IB Docket No. 98-148, FCC 99-73), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3229. A communication from the Associate Chief, International Bureau, Telecom Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and Modify the Policies Governing Them and Examination of Exclusivity and Frequency Assignment Policies of the Land Mobile Services. Second Memorandum Opinion and Order" (PR Docket No. 99-235, FCC 99-68), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3230. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Lighting Devices, Reflectors, and Electrical Equipment" (RIN2125-AD27), received April 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3231. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Space Transportation Licensing Regulations" (RIN21205-AF99), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3232. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passenger Equipment Safety Standards" (RIN2130-AA95), received May 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3233. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Approval of Fishery Management Plan Amendments" (RIN0648-AL40), received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3234. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Shark Fisheries; Large Coastal Shark Species; Closure" (I.D. 031899B), received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3235. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustments to the 1999 Summer Flounder Commercial Quota", received April 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3236. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received April 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3237. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (CGD97-068) (USCG-1999-3423)" (RIN2115-AF55) (1999-0001), received May 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3238. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Pepsi Gala Fireworks, New York Harbor, Upper Bay (CGD01-99-048)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0019), received May 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3239. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Santa Barbara Channel, CA (COTP Los Angeles-Long Beach 99-001)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0015), received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3240. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, LA (CGD-08-99-028)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0010), received May 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3241. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chemical Testing; Management Information System Reporting Requirements (USCG-1998-4469)" (RIN2115-AF67), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3242. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waiver application; tank vessel; reduction of gross tonnage (USCG-1999-5451)", received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3243. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Charleston to Bermuda Sailboat Race, Charleston, SC (CGD07-99-024)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0013), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3244. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; City of Augusta, GA (CGD07-98-068)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0011), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3245. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) Phase-out Requirements for Single Hull Tank Vessels (USCG-1999-4620)" (RIN2115-ZZ08), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3246. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S.

Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Identification System (CGD 89-050)" (RIN2115-AD35) (1999-0001), received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3247. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Mississippi River, LA: (CGD 08-97-020)", (RIN2115-AE84) (1999-0003), received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3248. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visiting: Notification to Visitors" (RIN1120-AA67), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3249. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status for Certain Nationals in Haiti" (RIN1115-AF33) (INS No. 1963-98), received May 13, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3250. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the consolidated financial statements for the calendar years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3251. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3252. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3253. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports entitled "1998 Activities of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and "1998 Judicial Business of the United States Courts" for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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-124. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relative to senior citizens; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

Whereas, The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 established a new reimbursement system for Medicare home health services effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 1997 which has threatened to ruin the home health benefit; and

Whereas, The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created an interim payment system which is cost-based with reduced limits and is in effect until a prospective payment system is initiated with cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2000; and

Whereas, While the 105th Congress made strides to rectify the interim payment system, the real effect of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1998 was to raise the per-