

Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), I issued Executive Order 12938, declaring a national emergency to deal with this danger. Because the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, I have renewed the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 annually, most recently on November 12, 1998. Pursuant to section 204(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(b)), I hereby report to the Congress that I have exercised my statutory authority to further amend Executive Order 12938 in order to more effectively respond to the worldwide threat of weapons of mass destruction proliferation activities.

The new executive order, which implements the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act of 1998, strengthens Executive Order 12938 by amending section 3 to authorize the United States to implement important provisions of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, a multilateral agreement that serves to reduce the threat posed by chemical weapons. Specifically, the amendment enables the United States Government to ensure that imports into the United States of certain chemicals from any source are permitted in a manner consistent with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 25, 1999.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:08 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 1658. An act to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2084. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 775) to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. CONYERS, and Ms. LOFGREN.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of section 18 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. DINGELL.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1554) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. OXLEY: *Provided*, That Mr. BOUCHER is appointed in lieu of Mr. MARKEY for consideration of sections 712(b)(1), 712(b)(2), and 712(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 as added by section 104 of the House bill.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. GOODLATTE.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill and joint resolution were read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2084. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

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-3927. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporation by Reference of Approved Stated Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL #6364-2), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3928. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollution for Source Categories; State of Arizona; Pima County Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL #6366-8), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3929. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, 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, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6362-9), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3930. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Modoc County Air Pollution Control District, Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District, Tehama County Air Pollution Control District, and Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6365-3), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3931. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan" (FRL #6368-6), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3932. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona—Maricopa Nonattainment Area; PM-10" (FRL #6365-9), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3933. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan" (FRL #6366-5), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3934. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Volatile Organic Compound Emissions Standards for Architectural Coatings; Correction" (FRL #6368-7), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3935. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36; Exemption from Temporary Tolerance, Technical Amendment" (FRL #6087-3), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3936. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL # 6086-3), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3937. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL # 6086-4), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3938. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hexaconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6084-4), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3939. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conduct at the Mt. Weather Emergency Assistance Center and at the National Emergency Training Center" (64 FR 31136) (06/10/99), received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3940. A communication from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat: Petition To List Eleven New Species Including One New Genus of Bryozoans From Capron Shoal, Florida, as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act" (Docket No. 990520140-9140-01) (ID No. 041699A), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3941. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Compensation for the 1997-1998 Crop Season" (Docket No. 96-016-35), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3942. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Education, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to procedures for cancellations and deferments of federal student loans for eligible disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-3943. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, a report relative to a lease for the U.S. Attorneys Office in Seattle, WA; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3944. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3945. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the State of Michi-

gan, et al; Additional Option for Handler Diversion and Receipt of Diversion Credits" (Docket No. FV99-930-1 FIR), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3946. A communication from the Chief, Fees Section, Financial Operations Division, Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1107 of the Commission's Rules" (GEN Doc. No. 860285) (FCC 98-87), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3947. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Office of Process and Innovation Management, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance; Employer Identification Numbers for State and Local Government Employment" (RIN0960-AE84), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3948. A communication from the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Record of Decision; Tongass National Forest; Land and Resource Management Plan; Alaska," received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3949. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures" (RIN3069-AA86), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3950. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Lubbock, Texas, Non-appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-AH88), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3951. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of Kansas City, Missouri, Special Wage Scale for Printing Positions" (RIN3206-A111), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3952. A communication from the Acting Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth-in-Billing Format" (CC Docket No. 98-170, FCC 99-72), received June 23, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3953. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limited Ports; Memphis, TN" (Docket Number 98-102-1/2), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3954. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Mississippi Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL # 6348-4), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3955. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and

Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Tennessee; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference" (FRL # 6367-5), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3956. 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 "Year 2000 (Y2K) Reporting Requirements for Vessels and Marine Facilities (USCG-1998-3917)" (RIN2115-AF85), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3957. 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 "Regatta Regulations: SLR: Skull Creek, Hilton Head, SC (CGD-07-99-037)" (RIN2115-AE46), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3958. 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 "Regatta Regulations: SLR: 4th of July Celebration Ohio River Mile 469.2-470.5, Cincinnati, OH (CGD-08-99-042)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0027), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3959. 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 "Regatta Regulations: SLR: 4th of July Celebration Ohio River Mile 469.2-470.5, Cincinnati, OH (CGD-08-99-041)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0025), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3960. 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 "Regatta Regulations: SLR: Fireworks Displays within the First Coast Guard District (CGD-01-99-009)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0026), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3961. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Final Rule; Correction" (FRL # 6368-4), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3962. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulation: Consumer Confidence Reports; Correction" (FRL # 6369-1), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3963. 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 "Procedures for Protests and Contract Disputes; Amendment of Equal Access to Justice Act Regulations" (RIN2120-AG19), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3964. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (26); Amdt. No. 1936 {6-23/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0030), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3965. 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 "Drawbridge Regulations: Hackensack River, NJ (CGD-01-99-059)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0023), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3966. 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 "Drawbridge Regulations: Hackensack River, NJ (CGD-01-99-084)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0025), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3967. 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 "Drawbridge Regulations: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, LA (CGD-08-99-039)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0022), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3968. 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 "Drawbridge Regulations: Bayou Des Allemands, LA (CGD-08-99-040)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0024), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3969. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (63); At. No. 1935 {6-23/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0031), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3970. 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 "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes, Model MD-88 Airplanes, and Model MD-90-30 Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-109 {6-23/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0250), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3971. 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 "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 777 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-116 {6-23/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0252), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3972. 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 "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-1011-385 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 97-NM-11 {6-23/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0251),

received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3973. 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 E Airspace; De Kalb, IL; Docket No. 98-AGL-20 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0208), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3974. 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 "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Model ASK 21 Gliders; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 91-CE-25 {6-21/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0253), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3975. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Hamilton, OH; Docket No. 99-AGL-18 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0210), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3976. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Savanna, IL; Docket No. 99-AGL-19 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0211), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3977. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Willmar, MN; Docket No. 99-AGL-17 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0209), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3978. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Neillsville, WI; Docket No. 99-AGL-23 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0212), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3979. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Juneau, WI; Docket No. 99-AGL-22 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0213), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3980. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Kokomo, IN; Docket No. 99-AGL-21 {6-22/6-24}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0214), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-3981. 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: Cocos Lagoon, Guam (COTP GUAM 99-011)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0032), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3982. 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: Heritage of Pride Fireworks, Hudson River, New York (CGD 01-99-056)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0031), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3983. 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: Clamfest Fireworks, Sandy Hook Bay, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey (CGD 01-99-071)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0030), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3984. 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: Glen Cove, New York Fireworks, Hempstead Harbor, NY (CGD 01-99-042)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0035), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3985. 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: Salvage of Sunken Fishing Vessel CAPE FEAR, Buzzards Bay, MA (CGD 01-99-078)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0034), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3986. 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: Rowayton Fireworks Display, Bayley Beach, Rowayton, CT (CGD 01-99-081)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0039), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3987. 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: Saybrook Summer Pops Concert, Saybrook Point, Connecticut River, CT (CGD 01-99-074)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0038), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3988. 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: Mashantucket Pequot Fireworks Display, Thames River, Groton, CT (CGD 01-99-061)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0037), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3989. 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: Sag Harbor Fireworks Display, Sag Harbor Bay, Sag Harbor, NY (CGD 01-99-072)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-

0036), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3990. 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: Virginia Beach Weekly Fireworks Display, Rudee Inlet, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Atlantic Ocean, Coastal Waters, between 17th and 20th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia (CGD 05-99-041)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0033), received June 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3991. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the nomination of an Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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-217. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado relative to the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99-1020

Whereas, H.R. 829, the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 1999", proposes to designate another approximately one million four hundred thousand acres of land in Colorado as wilderness prior to the revision of many of Colorado's forest plans, thereby usurping the United States Forest Service's land management review process and ignoring the original wilderness recommendations made to the United States Congress by the United States Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") that totaled four hundred thirty-one thousand acres; and

Whereas, H.R. 829 was drafted without input from either the general public or local elected officials and does away with local control over land management; and

Whereas, Federal lands in Colorado have been exhaustively studied for their wilderness suitability under the "Wilderness Act" of 1964, the Department of Agriculture's second roadless area review and evaluation (RARE II), the wilderness evaluation by the BLM, the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 1980", and the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993"; and

Whereas, Many acres of federal lands slated for wilderness designation do not qualify as pristine as required by the "Wilderness Act" of 1964; and

Whereas, The United States Congress considered the option of wilderness designation of federal lands in Colorado and designated several areas under the "Wilderness Act" of 1964 and approved two statewide wilderness bills. One of those statewide wilderness bills was enacted in 1980 and classified one million four hundred thousand acres as wilderness. The other was enacted in 1993 and provided wilderness protection for six hundred eleven thousand seven hundred acres, bringing the total wilderness acreage in Colorado to three million three hundred thousand to date; and

Whereas, The United States Congress declared that lands once studied and found to be unsuitable for wilderness designation should be returned to multiple-use management; and

Whereas, H.R. 829 creates a federal reserved water right for each wilderness area, an approach specifically rejected in the 1980 and 1993 wilderness bills; and

Whereas, The designation of downstream wilderness areas may result in the application of the federal "Clean Water Act of 1977" requirements in a manner that interferes with existing and future beneficial water uses in Colorado; and

Whereas, The overall effect of the designation of downstream wilderness areas will be to destroy Colorado's ability to develop and use water allocated to the citizens of this state and under interstate compacts, thereby forfeiting Colorado's water to downstream states; and

Whereas, Many of our rural economies are dependent on a combination of multiple uses of our public lands, such as timber production, oil, gas, and mineral development, and motorized and mechanized recreation, all of which are prohibited by a wilderness designation and also severely inhibits the ability to conduct grazing activities on public lands; and

Whereas, Wilderness designations limit the land management options available to public land managers to protect forest health and dependent watersheds; and

Whereas, Additional wilderness designation puts increased pressure on the new designated lands as well as lands currently open to multiple-use activities and limits access to only the most physically capable individuals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein;

That the members of the Sixty-second General Assembly oppose H.R. 829, the "Colorado Wilderness Act of 1999". Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the United States Bureau of Land Management, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Colorado's delegation in the United States Congress.

POM-218. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado relative to hardrock mining activities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99-1023

Whereas, The mining industry is vital to the economy of Colorado, with direct and indirect contributions to the state's economy that exceed \$7.7 billion annually; and

Whereas, Hardrock miners are the highest paid industrial workers in Colorado, earning average annual wages of approximately \$60,000; and

Whereas, The producers of gold, silver, lead, zinc, molybdenum, gypsum, and other minerals located under the general mining laws provide a source of high paying jobs in rural areas of Colorado whose economies are highly dependent upon resource extraction; and

Whereas, Lower mineral commodity prices and other economic factors continue to challenge this industry making it important that state and local governments fashion regulatory programs that are cost effective and yet sufficient to regulate the environmental impacts of hardrock mining activities on public and private lands; and

Whereas, The "Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976" requires that mineral activities on federal lands protect the environment and prohibits any mining activity that would result in unnecessary and undue degradation of these areas; and

Whereas, The Bureau of Land Management within the United States Department of the Interior implements the mandate of federal law through regulations codified at 43 C.F.R.

subpart 3809, and these laws and regulations are among the many laws that require mineral producers to protect air, water, cultural, historic, fish, wildlife, and other resources; and

Whereas, The division of minerals and geology in the Colorado department of natural resources, through a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Land Management, is the lead agency responsible for regulating mining activity on both public and private lands; and

Whereas, Colorado effectively regulates mining operations pursuant to the "Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act", part 1 of article 32 of title 34, Colorado Revised Statutes, that sets forth very comprehensive permitting, bonding, environmental management, monitoring, and reclamation requirements for hardrock mining activities on both public and private lands; and

Whereas, The Colorado General Assembly strengthened this law in 1993 requiring that mining operators using certain toxic chemicals in mineral extraction meet more stringent standards before receiving authorization to mine; and

Whereas, The United States Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, has announced its intention to propose revisions to 43 C.F.R. subpart 3809, that would preempt, conflict with, and duplicate the very effective state program now in place, and replace it with a plenary federal program that may well lessen the environmental protections available under state law; and

Whereas, In 1998, the United States Congress enacted legislation directing the National Academy of Sciences to perform a study of the adequacy of state and federal laws governing hardrock mining on public lands and submit its findings and recommendations before the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management may finalize changes to regulations under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3809; and

Whereas, Notwithstanding the express mandate of Congress, the Bureau of Land Management proposed revisions to the regulations promulgated under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3809, in February, 1999, before the National Academy of Sciences has concluded, much less submitted, its study and recommendations, and the Bureau of Land Management has failed to consider the National Academy of Sciences' findings or process in fashioning the various regulatory revisions currently awaiting public comment; and

Whereas, Any changes to the regulations promulgated under 43 C.F.R. subpart 3809 must be based upon sound science and compelling policy reasons, and must take into account the findings and recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences' study before the Bureau of Land Management submits its proposal for public comment, yet the comment period on the proposed rules is set to expire on May 10, 1999, before the National Academy of Sciences completes its study of existing laws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

1. That the General Assembly calls upon the United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the current proposal to amend the federal regulations, 43 C.F.R. subpart 3809 and published at 64 F.R. 6422 on February 9, 1999, governing hardrock mining activity.

2. That the General Assembly calls upon the Bureau of Land Management to await completion of the study currently underway by the National Academy of Sciences of the adequacy of hardrock mining regulations, which must be completed prior to July 31, 1999, and that the Bureau of Land Management refrain from publishing any further