

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 149. An act to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 and to other laws related to parks and public lands.

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

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated on February 24, 2000:

H.R. 3642. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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-7754. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to Vieques, PR; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7755. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to France; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7756. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7757. 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 "Childhood Blood-Lead Screening and Lead Awareness (Educational Outreach for Indian Tribes; Notice of Funds Availability (OPPTS))" (FRL # 6491-2), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-7758. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 budget request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-7759. A communication from the President of the United States of America, relative to the continuation of the emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7760. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to HUD's Mortgage Review Board and Civil Money Penalty Regulations" (RIN2501-AC44) (FR-4308-I-01),

received February 25, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7761. 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 "Pink Bollworm Regulated Areas" (Docket # 00-009-1), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7762. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Individual Development Accounts" (RIN0970-AC02), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7763. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Waiver of Certain Excise Tax" (Rev. Proc. 2000-17), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7764. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-247, "Police Recruiting and Retention Enhancement Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7765. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Export-Import Bank transmitting, pursuant to law, the Management report as of September 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7766. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7767. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7768. 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 "Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation for Public Water Systems; Analytical Methods for Perchlorated and Acetochlor; Announcement of Laboratory Approval and Performance Testing (TP) Program for the Analysis of Perchlorate (OW)" (FRL # 6544-6), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7769. 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; Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District (Region 9)" (FRL # 6541-9), received February 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7770. 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; Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL # 6540-6), received February 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7771. 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; State of Iowa; Correction" (FRL # 6518-7), received February 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7772. 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 State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Georgia" (FRL # 6541-5), received February 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7773. 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 "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL # 6541-1), received February 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7774. 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 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Aluminum Production" (FRL # 6513-8), received February 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7775. 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 of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(1), Delegation of Authority to Three Local Air Agencies in Washington, Amendment (Region 10)", received February 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7776. 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 "Louisiana: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions (Region 6)" (FRL # 6543-3), received February 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7777. 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 "Missouri: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision (Region 7)" (FRL # 6543-5), received February 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7778. 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 "Technical Amendment to the Finding of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking for Certain States for Purposes of Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone (The NOx SIP Call Rule) (OAR)" (FRL # 6542-9), received February 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7779. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of calendar year 1999 actions taken which involve actual or potential cost in excess of \$50,000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7780. A communication from the Acting 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; Pollock in the Shelikof Strait Conservation Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7781. A communication from the Acting 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; Inseason Adjustment to Required Observer Coverage", received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7782. A communication from the Acting 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; Closures of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska", received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7783. A communication from the Acting 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; Pollock by Vessels Not Participating in Cooperatives that are Catching Pollock for Processing by Inshore Component in the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area", received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7784. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Delay of Effectiveness" (RIN0648-AK79), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7785. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anthropomorphic Test Dummy: Occupant Safety Protection" (RIN2127-AG66), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7786. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Acquisition (Part 1825 Rewrite)", received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7787. A communication from the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "1999 Activities of the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)", to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7788. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Legislative Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, a correction to the "Subsonic Noise Reduc-

tion Technology" report; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7789. 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; Jamaica Bay and Connecting Waterways, NY (CGD01-00-008)" (RIN2115-AE47) (2000-0012), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7790. 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; Norwalk River, CT (CGD01-00-006)" (RIN2115-AE47) (2000-0011), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7791. 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 "Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations; Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbors, CA (CGD11-99-008)" (RIN2115-AA98) (2000-0002), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7792. 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; Tampa Bay, FL (COTP Tampa 99-042)" (RIN2115-AA97) (2000-0003), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7793. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (251); Amdt. No. 1975 (2-25/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0010), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7794. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (111); Amdt. No. 1976 (2-25/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0011), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7795. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (22); Amdt. No. 1977 (2-25/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0013), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7796. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change Controlling Agency for Restricted Areas -6901A and R-6901B; Fort McCoy, WI; Docket No. 00-AGL-5 (2-25/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0057), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7797. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of the El Toro Marine Air Corps Air Station (MCAS) Airspace Area,

and the Revision of the Santa Ana Class C Airspace Area, CA; Docket No. 99-ASW-10 (2-23/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-005421), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7798. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cuba, MO; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 00-ACE-3 (2-25/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0058), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7799. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lexington, NC; Docket No. 00-ASO-7 (2-28/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0059), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7800. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Class E Airspace; Oak Harbor, WA; Docket No. 99-ANM-03 (2-28/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0060), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7801. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Hutchinson KS; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ACE-48 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0056), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7802. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Amendment of Class D Airspace; Key West, FL; Docket No. 99-ASO-28 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0055), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7803. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-3 and DC-4 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-139 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0099), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7804. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 172R 172S, 182S, 206H, and T206H Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-CE-07 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0100), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7805. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hoffman Propeller Co. H027 and H04/27 Series Propellers; Request for Comments; Docket No. 98-ANE-64 (2-23/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0106), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7806. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cameron Balloons Ltd. Titanium Propane Cylinders, Part Number (P/N) CB2380 and P/N CB2383; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-CE-08 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0104), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7807. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Israel Aircraft Industries, LTD., Model Astra SPX Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-256 (2-23/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0105), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7808. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-325 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0112), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7809. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB 135 and EMB 145 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-370 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0113), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7810. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -200, and 747SP Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-339 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0101), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7811. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-193 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0102), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7812. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-100, -200, -300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-150 (2-23/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0107), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7813. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300-600 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 95-NM-150 (2-22/2-24)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0103), received February 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7814. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320 and A321 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-339 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0117), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7815. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NM-51 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0116), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7816. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-344 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0114), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7817. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-344 (2-24/2-28)" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0114), received February 28, 2000; 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-420. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa relative to appropriations for the United States Naval Fleet and the United States Flag Merchant Marine Fleet; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

Whereas, the continuing reduction of the United States armed forces is dangerously straining the ability of the United States to respond adequately to regional threats, with the United States Naval Fleet shrinking from nearly 600 ships in 1987 to less than 325 ships today; and

Whereas, the United States is currently building military ships at half the rate needed to maintain even a modest fleet, while the demands on the United States sea power forces have increased significantly since the end of the Cold War; and

Whereas, the United States is presently deploying its Navy and Marines three times as often as the United States did before the fall of the Soviet Union, while procuring fewer ships than at anytime since 1932, with the current fleet being the smallest since 1917; and

Whereas, the safety and economic prosperity of the United States are tied to the political stability of every part of the globe, and the United States faces a dangerous and challenging situation where, as the only superpower, it has an obligation to ensure that conflicts do not escalate into major military or humanitarian disasters; and

Whereas, the United States has a different and far more complex duty now than during the Cold War, and must be prepared to deploy air and sea power as well as ground troops, upon short notice; and

Whereas, because the United States has closed many military bases in the past decade, only the Naval Fleet can transport large numbers of Army and Air Force equipment, troops, and supplies around the world to support military operations that deal with threats to national security of the United States; and

Whereas, nations engaging in terrorist activities have vast supplies of chemical and

biological agents, with several nations developing their own nuclear weapons; and

Whereas, the health of the economy of the United States depends on international stability as vast markets for the agricultural and manufactured products of the United States and the world's investment markets are intertwined; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Iowa General Assembly requests that the Congress of the United States, committed to the safety and economic security of the United States, authorize and appropriate sufficient funding to build at least 10 ships per year for the next decade; and be it further

Resolved, That the Iowa General Assembly call upon the Presidential candidates to express their commitment to rebuilding the United States Naval Fleet and the United States Flag Merchant Marine Fleet; and be it further

Resolved, That official copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CLELAND :

S. 2113. A bill to provide wage parity for certain Department of Defense prevailing rate employees in Georgia; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN :

S. 2114. A bill to exempt certain entries of titanium disks from antidumping duties retroactively applied by the United States Customs Service; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2115. A bill to ensure adequate monitoring of the commitments made by the People's Republic of China in its accession to the World Trade Organization and to create new procedures to ensure compliance with those commitments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2116. A bill to amend title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to support teacher corps programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2117. A bill to amend title 9, United States Code, with respect to consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2118. A bill to amend Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1964 to modify the computation of certain weighted student units; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2119. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve training for teachers in the use of technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 2120. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish teacher recruitment and professional