

received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9727. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1999-2 Marketing Year" (FV00-982-1 FIR) received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9728. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Decreased Assessment Rate" received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9729. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1999-2000 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins" received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9730. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Electronic Benefit Transfer Benefit Adjustments" (RIN0584-AC61) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9731. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (FV00931-1-IFR) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9732. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Establishment of Marketable Quantity and Allotment Percentage and Other Modifications Under the Cranberry Marketing Order" (FV00929-2FR) received on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9733. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in all Counties in Oregon, except Malheur County; Suspension of Handling, Reporting, and Assessment Collection Regulations" (FV00-947-1 IFR) received on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9734. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three items entitled "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3050 Repeated Dose 28-Day Oral Toxicity Study in

Rodents"; "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3550 Reproduction/Developmental Toxicity Screening Test"; "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3650 Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction/Developmental Toxicity Screening Test"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9735. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Japan Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease" received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9736. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of the Republic of Korea Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease" received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9737. A communication from the Administrator of the Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement; Regulations for the 1999 and Subsequent Reinsurance Years; Group Risk Plan of Insurance Regulations for the 2000 and Succeeding Crop Years, and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions" (RIN0563-AB81) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9738. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Insurance Policy and Information Division), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Department of Defense Demonstration Project Amendment to 48 CFR, Chapter 16" (RIN3206-AI67) received on June 5, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9739. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Insurance Policy and Information Division), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9740. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report entitled "Partners in Stewardship" for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9741. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9742. A communication from the Director of the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule entitled "Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations: Amendment to clarify exporters' and forwarding agents' responsibilities in preparing the Shipper's Export Declaration or filing the information electronically using the Automated Export System and related provisions" (RIN0607-AA20) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9743. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Workforce Compensation and Performance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration; Payments During Evacuation" (RIN3206-AI76) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9744. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Employment Service), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appointments of Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities" (RIN3206-AI94) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 208: A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-343).

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 2858. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate payment rates for ambulance services, to apply a prudent layperson standard to the determination of medical necessity for emergency ambulance services, and to recognize the additional costs of providing ambulance services in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2859. A bill to provide assistance to States in reducing the backlog of casework files awaiting DNA analysis and to make DNA testing available in appropriate cases to convicted Federal and States offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2860. A bill for the relief of Sammie Martine Orr; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2861. A bill to establish a biannual certification of eligibility for development assistance based on the level of economic freedom of countries receiving United States development assistance and to provide for a phase-out of that assistance based on the certification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2862. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Exisulind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2863. A bill to prohibit use or sharing of medical health records or information by financial institutions and their affiliates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2864. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel R'ADVENTURE II; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2865. A bill to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD,