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-9740. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Procedure 2002–70—Cost of Living Adjustment—Calendar Year 2003” received on November 7, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9741. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Unit Livestock Price Method” (RIN1545-BA25) received on November 7, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9742. 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 2002–72—Clarification of Accounting Period Change Guidance” received on November 7, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9743. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Time for performing certain acts postponed by reason of service in a combat zone or a Presidentially declared disaster” (Rev. Proc. 2002–71) received on November 7, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9744. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “October–December 2002 Bond Force Amounts” (Rev. Rul. 2002–72) received on November 12, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9745. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Ruling 2002–67—Donation of Used Vehicles to Charity” (Rev. Rul. 2002–67) received on November 12, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9746. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Section 1.856-4: Rents from Real Property” (Rev. Rul. 2002–38) received on November 12, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9747. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice” (Notice 2002–12) received on November 12, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9748. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; End-Stage Renal Disease Coverage for Patients Under a State of Emergency in Houston, TX Area” (RIN09598-ALK9) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9749. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Change of Agency Name; Technical Amendments” (RIN09598-AL79) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9750. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Payment for Nursing and Allied Health Education; Final Rule Medicare Program: Payment for Clinical Psychology Training Programs” (RIN09598-AL69) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9751. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Correction of Certain Year 2002 Payment Rates Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and the Pro Rata Reduction on Transitional Pass-Through Payments; Correction of Technical and Typographical Errors (CMS-1198-F4)” (0938-ALK4) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9752. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Medicare Program; Final Rule Medicare Program for Coverage of Non-emergency Ambulance Services and Revisions to the Physician Certification Requirements for Coverage of Non-emergency Ambulance Services” (RIN09598-ALK30) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9753. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Fee Schedule for Payment of Hospital Acute General Surgery Charges” (RIN09598-ALK33) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9754. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Outpatient Policy and Physician Services;” to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9755. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Peer Review Organizations: Name and Other Changes—Technical Amendments” (RIN09598-AL38) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9756. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Part A Premium for the United States Certain Disabled Individuals Who have Exhausted Other Entitlement” (RIN09598-AL69) received on October 28, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9757. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Negotiated Rule Making and Administrative Policies for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services” (RIN09598-AL63) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9758. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program: Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 2003 (CMS–8014–87)” (0938-ALK5) received on October 28, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9759. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program: Coverage and Administrative Policies for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services” (RIN09598-AL63) received on October 21, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9761. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program: Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2003 Payment Rates, and Changes to Payment suspension for Unfilled Cost Report (CMS–1206–FC & CMS–1179–F)” (RIN09598-AL19) (0938-ALK5) received on November 12, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9762. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sale and Issuance of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds; Reporting of Net Position and Apportioned Per Cent Limit” received on November 7, 2002, to the Committee on Finance.
EC-9763. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Generation of Fossil Fuel Combustion Byproducts” (RIN1535–AC55) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9764. A communication from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, transmitting, a report relative to the Yearly Automatic Pay Increase of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9765. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of the Additional Manatee Protection Areas in Florida” (RIN1081–AH80) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9766. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Designation of Critical Habitat for Eriotypus capitatus (Lompoqo yera santa) and Delphites spp. villosa (Egberta tarplant)” (RIN1081–AG88) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9767. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Progress, Attainments and Maintenance State Implementation Plans for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, California” (FRL 7498–5) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9768. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enforcement First Instrumental Action at Superfund Sites” received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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EC-9770. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Progress, Attainments and Maintenance State Implementation Plans for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, California” (FRL 7498–1) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9771. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enforcement First Instrumental Action at Superfund Sites” received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9772. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Progress, Attainments and Maintenance State Implementation Plans for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, California” (FRL 7498–1) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9773. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Progress, Attainments and Maintenance State Implementation Plans for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, California” (FRL 7498–5) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9774. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Enforcement First Instrumental Action at Superfund Sites” received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9775. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Progress, Attainments and Maintenance State Implementation Plans for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide, California” (FRL 7498–1) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9776. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes” (FRL 7391–5) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9777. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans, Texas: Environmental Speed Limit Revision; and Voluntary Mobile Emission Reduction Program commitment for the Houston/Galveston (HG) Ozone Nonattainment Area” (FRL 7407–1) received November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9778. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans, Pennsylvania: Revisions to Allegheny County Air Quality Planning Areas XX and XXI” (FRL 7391–6) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9779. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Idaho; North Dakota and Alaska; Carbon Monoxide Re-designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes” (FRL 7391–7) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9780. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Iowa” (FRL 7403–7) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9781. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “General Provisions for Market Based National Emission & Performance Evaluation” (FRL 7402–4) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9782. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Determination of Attainment of 1-hour Ozone Standard as of November 15, 1993, for the Birmingham, Alabama, Marginal Ozone Non-Attainment Area” (RIN1067–AH80) received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9783. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Kansas” (FRL 7397–2) received on November 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9784. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to Regulations Within the Forsyth County Local Implementation Plan” (FRL7395–5) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9785. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Meeklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance” (FRL7395–7) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9786. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Forsyth County Local Implementation Plan” (FRL7395–6) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9787. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Meeklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance” (FRL7395–7) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9788. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Forsyth County Local Implementation Plan” (FRL7395–6) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9789. A communication from the Acting Principle Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Meeklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance” (FRL7395–7) received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
EC–9790. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Findings Received on October 28, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–9791. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Protection of Human Research Subjects” (RIN0925-AA14) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9792. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acquisition Regulation Revision” received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9793. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Requirements for Facilities Transferring or Receiving Select Agents” (RIN9092-AA02) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9794. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Compliance Alternatives for Provision of Uncompensated Services” (RIN9006-AA52) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9795. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indirect Food Additives Exception from Certification; Mica-Based Sweetener” (Doc. No. FEMA–9814) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9796. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Opioid Drugs in Maintenance and Detoxification Treatment of Opiate Addiction” (RIN9019-AA52) received on October 22, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9797. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Program” (RIN9097-AB24) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9798. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Mica-Based Sweetener” (Doc. No. FEMA–9821) received on October 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9799. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Postmarket Studies for Approved Human Drug and Licensed Biological Products; Status Reports; Delay of Effective Date” (RIN9909-1852) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9801. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Additional Criteria and Procedures for Classifying Over-the-Counter Drugs as Generally Recognized as Safe and Effective and not Misbranded” (RIN9019-AA01) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9802. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations” (Doc. No. 98N–1149) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9803. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hematology and Pathology Devices; Restricted Devices; OTC Test Sample Collection Systems for Drugs of Abuse "Testing; Delay of Effective Date” (Doc. No. 97N–0135) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9804. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Postmarket Surveillance” (Doc. No. 00N–1367) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9805. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Methods Study Plan” (Doc. No. 97F–0305) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9807. A communication from the Director, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exit Routes, Emergency Action Plans, and Fire Prevention Plans” (RIN2168-A182) received on November 12, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9808. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employee Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employee Plans; Interests Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits” received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9809. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation” (34 CFR Part 36) received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9810. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Community Services Block Grant Program Report to Congress Fiscal Year 1999” received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9811. A communication from the Attorney General of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to deterring, detecting, and punishing unauthorized disclosures of United States national security secrets; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC–9812. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Financial Statements and Independent Auditors’ Report”; to the Committee on Government Affairs.

EC–9813. A communication from the Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the American Battle Monuments Commission; to the Committee on Government Affairs.

EC–9815. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Fair Act Commercial Activities Inventory for 2002; to the Committee on Government Affairs.

EC–9816. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Suspension of Community Eligibility” (67 FR 63271) (Doc. No. FEMA–7793) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–9817. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determination” (67 FR 63275) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–9818. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determination” (67 FR 63849) (44 CFR Part 67) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–9819. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevation Determination” (67 FR 63829) (44 CFR Part 65) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–9820. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevation Determination” (67 FR 63829) (44 CFR Part 65) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–9821. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood
Elevation Determinations" [67 FR 63837] received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8922. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program; Group Flood Insurance Policy" [67 FR 61460] (RIN3067–AD31) received on November 12, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8923. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance; Federal Assistance to Individuals and Households; Correction" [67 FR 62896] (RIN 3067–AD25) received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8924. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Assistance; Public or Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Section 8 Homeownership Program: Downpayment Assistance; Reimbursement of Amendments" [RIN2577–AC28] received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8925. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Eligibility of Citizens of Freely Associated States for Housing Assistance" [RIN2577–AC35] received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8927. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program" [RIN2577–AC35] received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8930. A communication from the Vice Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Kenya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8931. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Anti-Money Laundering Programs for Financial Institutions" [RIN2577–AA25] received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8932. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Lufkin and Tyler, TX" [Doc. No. 01–244] (Doc. No. 01–245) received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8933. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations, Topeka, KS" [Doc. No. 02–154] received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8934. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Topocha, KS" [Doc. No. 02–152] received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8935. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Lewisburg, WVA" [Doc. No. 02–178] received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8936. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Wiggins, MS" [Doc. No. 02–152] received November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8937. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Montgomery, AL" [Doc. No. 02–132] received on November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8938. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Pensacola, De Moines, IA" [Doc. No. 02–130] received November 14, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8939. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine 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; Inseason trip limit adjustments" [I.D. 00092150] received on November 7, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–8940. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closure for Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" received on November 13, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–361. A Resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina relative to a Tobacco Quota Buyout Program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1786

Whereas, the system of growing and marketing burley and flue-cured tobacco currently in place in the United States faces many challenges and changes due to contracting; lawsuits, governmental regulation, and open competition; and

Whereas, quota owners, tobacco growers, and the tobacco industry agree that a transition from the current system is needed to ensure continued tobacco production, and

Whereas, a plan of transition that is fair and equitable to all quota owners and tobacco growers is needed to stability, uniformity, and certainty for quota owners, growers, and the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, protecting family farmers and marketing partners and preserving the productivity of tobacco for economic viability in rural communities is an important goal of the State and

Whereas, a buyout of the quota owners and tobacco growers would provide a significant and needed economic stimulus over a period of time in the State of North Carolina during a time of economic distress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

Section 1. The House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States and the President to support and enact legislation that would establish a transition program for quota owners and tobacco growers and the tobacco industry that would buy out quota owners and tobacco growers.

Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from North Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2945: To authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanotechnology research, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107–350).

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Rules