

abuse shelters. I think that is out of line with what the American people thinks, and it is certainly out of line with what I think.

As I said earlier, if my colleagues have legitimate reasons to oppose this amendment, we are happy to listen. In fact, we are willing to do what is necessary to get past any partisan difference and to move this issue forward. Unfortunately, our colleagues are not. I think you have to ask yourselves, then, what is this debate really all about?●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3717. To increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmissions of obscene, indecent, and profane material, and for other purposes.

H.R. 339. To prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 2236. A bill to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6792. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act; Implementation" (RIN3069-AB07) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6793. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's standard of reasonable assurance pertaining to the effectiveness of its internal management controls during Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6794. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Cred-

it Administration, transmitting, the Administration's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6795. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Report relative to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6796. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to NASA's annual inventory of commercial activities performed by federal government sources; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6797. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting the Department of Commerce's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 of the Department's Bureau of Industry and Security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6798. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to actions taken in respect to the New England fishing capacity reduction initiative; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6799. A communication from the Associate Chief, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Division, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 272(b)'s 'Operate Independently' Requirement for Section 272 Affiliates; WC Docket No. 03-228; FCC 04-54" (WC Doc. 03-228) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6800. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Brazil and Spencer, Indiana)" (MB Doc. No. 03-192) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6801. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Florence, Quinby, Greeleyville, and Wedgefield, SC and Savannah GA)" (MB Doc. No. 03-35) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6802. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Albany, NY" (MB Doc. No. 02-92) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6803. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Saranac Lake, NY" (MB Doc. No. 03-213) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6804. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Sec-

tion 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations, Bend, OR" (MM Doc. No. 01-82) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6805. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.606(b), Table of Allotments, TV Broadcast Stations; Osage Beach, MO" (MB Doc. No. 03-207) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6806. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Caledonia and Upper Sandusky, Ohio)" (MB Doc. No. 03-7) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6807. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Part 87 of the Commission's Rules Concerning the Aviation Radio Services" (FCC03-238) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6808. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Effective Date in 47 CFR 90.209(b)(6)" (FCC03-306) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6809. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 13 and 80 of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications. Petition for Rule Making Filed by Globe Wireless. Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications" (FCC04-3) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6810. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Commission's Rules Concerning Maritime Communications. Petition for Rule Making Filed by Regionet Wireless License, LLC" (FCC03-270) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6811. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compatibility With Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems; PSAP E911 Service Readiness" (FCC02-318) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6812. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 2 of the Commission's Rules to Realign the 76-81 GHz Band and the Frequency Range Above 95 GHz Consistent with International Allocation Changes (Report and Order)" (FCC04-20) received on March 25, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6813. A communication from the Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau,