

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 appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2389. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3085. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4075. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4894. An act to provide for certain access to national crime information databases by schools and educational agencies for employment purposes, with respect to individuals who work with children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5013. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 5534. To provide grants from moneys collected from violations of the corporate average fuel economy program to be used to expand infrastructure necessary to increase the availability of alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5646. An act to study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 459. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 4157. To promote a better health information system.

H.R. 4890. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

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-7759. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Restrictions for 2006 Longline Fisheries in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean; Fishery Closure" (RIN0648-AT33) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7760. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; Pacific Sardine Fishery" (RIN0648-AT76) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7761. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; 2006-2008 Specifications" (RIN0648-AT59) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7762. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Squid in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071706A) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7763. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071406C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7764. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306C) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7765. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406B) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7766. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 071406D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7767. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 071306D) received on July 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7768. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Management Decisions and Final Actions on Office of Inspector General Audit Recommendations" for the period ending March 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7769. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization for 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

EC-7770. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (Beaufort Sea)" (RIN1018-AT82) received on July 31, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7771. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Investment Surveys: BE-577, Direct Transactions of U.S. Reporter with Foreign Affiliate" (RIN0691-AA57) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7772. A communication from the Acting Director, Domestic Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID 070606A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7773. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources; Crab Economic Data Reports" (RIN0648-AU44) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7774. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID 070506A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7775. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Allocating Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Resources" (ID 033106A) received on August 1, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.