

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-93. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-94. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2006 Reporting Notice and Amendment; Partial Updating of TSCA Inventory Database; Chemical Substance Production, Processing, and Use Site Reports" (FRL No. 8109-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-95. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Resignation of the Kent and Queen Anne's 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8259-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-96. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Revision to Ohio State Implementation Plan to Rescind Oxides of Nitrogen Rule" (FRL No. 8259-5) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-97. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks" (FRL No. 8260-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-98. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry" (FRL No. 8259-6) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-99. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Final Rule" (FRL No. 8260-4) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-100. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Interstate Rule and Federal Implementation Plans for CAIR; Corrections"

(FRL No. 8254-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-101. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Extension of the Deferred Effective Date for 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Early Action Compact Areas; Correction" (FRL No. 8256-7) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-102. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule Interpreting the Scope of Certain Monitoring Requirements for State and Federal Operating Permits Programs" (FRL No. 8257-3) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-103. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production, Primary Copper Smelting, Secondary Copper Smelting, and Primary Nonferrous Metals-Zinc, Cadmium, and Beryllium" (FRL No. 8257-4) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-104. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry" ((RIN2060-AJ78) (FRL No. 8256-4)) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-105. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Finding that Certain States Did Not Submit Clean Air Mercury Rule State Plans for New and Existing Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Status of Submission of Such Plans" (FRL No. 8255-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-106. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: The 2007 Critical Use Exemption from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" (FRL No. 8109-9) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-107. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of the flood management system for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-108. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report relative to a document recently issued by the Agency that is related to its regulatory programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-109. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-110. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the comprehensive plan examining the deauthorization of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-111. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuel Economy Labeling of Motor Vehicles: Revisions to Improve Calculation of Fuel Economy Estimates" (FRL No. 8257-5) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-112. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan Requirements—Amendments" ((RIN2050-AG23) (FRL No. 8258-3)) received on December 15, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-113. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to his intent to add East Timor to the list of beneficiary developing countries and to the list of least-developed beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-114. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2006-111) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-115. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting Rules for Widely Held Fixed Investment Trusts" ((RIN1545-BF75) (TD 9308)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-116. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bulgarian Per Se Entity" (Notice 2007-10) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-117. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Cash Balance and Other Hybrid Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Section 701 of PPA '06" (Notice 2007-6) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-118. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Method Change Procedure for Executory Contract Liabilities" (Rev. Proc. 2007-14) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-119. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Executory Contract Liabilities" (Rev. Rul. 2007-3) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maximum Vehicle Values for 2007 Used to Determine the Value of Personal Use of an Employer-Provided Vehicle Under the Special Valuation Rules Under Regulations Sections 1.61-21(d) and (e)" (Rev. Proc. 2007-11) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-121. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Specified Covered Services Under Section 482" (Rev. Proc. 2007-13) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-122. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on Temporary Section 482 Regulations" (Notice 2007-5) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-123. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing Under Section 1561" ((RIN1545-BF26) (TD 9304)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-124. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Rev. Proc. 2005-12" (Rev. Proc. 2007-17) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-125. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for Processing Installment Agreements" ((RIN1545-BF69) (TD 9306)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-126. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Source of Income from Certain Space and Ocean Activities; Source of Communications Income" ((RIN1545-AW50) (TD 9305)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-127. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Computing Depreciation" ((RIN1545-BC18) (TD 9307)) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-128. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Requesting Comments on In-Service Distributions—Section 905 of PPA '06" (Notice 2007-8) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-129. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TD 9281 Effective Date" (Notice 2007-1) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-130. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-131. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Work Activity as a Basis for a Continuing Disability Review" (RIN0960-AE93) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-132. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules for the Issuance of Work Report Receipts, Payment of Benefits for Trial Work Period Service Months After a Fraud Conviction, Changes to the Student Earned Income Exclusion, and Expansion of the Reentitlement Period for Childhood Disability Benefits" (RIN0960-AG10) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-133. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Visual Disorders" (RIN0960-AF34) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-134. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Patient Classification Under Medicare's Prospective Payment System for Skilled Nursing Facilities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-135. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Losses Reported from Inflated Basis Assets from Lease Stripping Transactions" (Coordinated Issue Paper UIL: 9226-01-00) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-136. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—January 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-2) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-137. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Reorganizations; Distributions Under Sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 354(b)(1)(B)" ((RIN1545-BF84) (TD 9303)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-138. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibited Allocations of Securities in an S Corporation" ((RIN1545-BC34) (TD 9302)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-139. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Outcome and Assessment Information Set Study; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-140. 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 "Non-discrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market" (RIN0938-AI08) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-141. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-142. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB47) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-143. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—October 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-62) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-144. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Section 402(i) of H.R. 4" (Notice 2006-105) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-145. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 846 Discount Factors for 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-9) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-146. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Transition Relief for Certain Partnerships and Other Pass-Thru Entities Under Section 470" (Notice 2007-4) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-147. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 832 Discount Factors for 2006" (Rev. Proc. 2007-10) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-148. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2007-3) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-149. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules for Nondiscrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market" ((RIN1545-AY32) (TD 9298)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-150. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Necessary to Facilitate Business Electronic Filing" ((RIN1545-BC15) (TD 9300)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-151. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction in Taxable Income for Housing Hurricane Katrina

Displaced Individuals” (TD 9301) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-152. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification relative to waiving the restrictions contained in section 1305 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-153. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's decision to exercise waiver authority with regard to a prohibition on military assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-154. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Presidential Determination to suspend the limitation on the obligation of State Department Appropriations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-155. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-156. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2006-271-2006-280); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-157. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's determination to exercise his waiver authority in certain countries with respect to the prohibition on the use of fiscal year 2006 Economic Support Funds provided for in section 574(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-158. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Colombia and Ecuador; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-159. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Payment of Premiums; Assessment of and Relief From Penalties” (RIN1212-AA95) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-160. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age” (29 CFR Part 4044) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-161. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-162. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans” (29 CFR Part 4022) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-163. A communication from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Performance of Functions; Claims for Compensation Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, as Amended” (RIN1215-AB51) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-164. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Study Regarding Barriers to Participation of Farmworkers in Health Programs”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-165. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-166. A communication from the Chief and Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and nomination for the position of Inspector General, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-167. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-168. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acquisition Regulations” (48 CFR Part 301) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-169. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-170. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the interjurisdictional adoption of children in foster care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-171. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to states' effectiveness in establishing and enforcing medical support obligations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-172. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-173. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Emergency Mine Evacuation” (RIN1219-AB46) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-174. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 2002-2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-175. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Rules for Non-discrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market” (RIN1210-AA54) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-176. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-177. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-178. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual reports of the Inspector Generals of the Treasury Department and Tax Administration for the period ending September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-179. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-180. A communication from the Inspector General, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2006 Performance Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-181. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-182. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-183. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-184. A communication from the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-185. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-186. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-187. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-188. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-189. A communication from the Office of the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-190. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-191. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-192. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-193. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Management Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-194. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the seven audit reports issued during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-195. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-196. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-197. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Cred-

it Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2006 Annual report on the implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-199. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-200. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-201. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-202. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-203. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-204. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, information copies of prospectuses supporting the Administration's fiscal year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-205. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-206. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-14" (FAC 2005-14) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-207. A communication from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-208. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of NARA Facilities" (RIN3095-AB55) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-209. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the Inspector General, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-211. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-212. A communication from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-213. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-214. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Auditor's Review of the HIV/AIDS Crisis Area Capacity Building Fund Authorized by the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Support Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-215. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-216. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Agency's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-217. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's competitive sourcing activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002—Reporting and Best Practices" (RIN3206-AK55) received on December 21, 2006; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-221. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-222. A communication from the Secretary for Regulatory Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filipino Veterans' Benefits Improvements" (RIN2900-AK65) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical: Informed Consent—Extension of Time Period and Modification of Witness Requirement for Signature Consent" (RIN2900-AM19) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-224. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty Entitlement to Dependents" (RIN2900-AM12) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the Chief of the Immigration Unit, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Immigration Appeals: Composition of Board and Temporary Board Members" ((RIN1125-AA57) (EOIR No. 158I)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-226. A communication from the Senior Counsel, United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplement to Justice Department Procedures and Council on Environmental Quality Regulations to Ensure Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act" ((RIN1105-AB13) (USMS 101)) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-227. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the need for existing bankruptcy judgeships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-228. A communication from the Acting Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Shawnee Hills Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA70) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-229. A communication from the Acting Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Chehalem Mountains Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AA57) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-230. A communication from the Junior Past National Treasurer, Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the latest audit of the organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-231. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Registration Require-

ments for Individual Practitioners" (RIN1117-AA89) received on December 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-232. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Institute of Justice for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-233. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the submission of its report on Defense base closures and realignments; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-234. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-235. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Worker Identification Credential Implementation in the Maritime Sector; Hazardous Materials Endorsement for a Commercial Driver's License" (RIN1652-AA41) received on January 3, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-236. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-237. A communication from the Chief Information Office and the Chief Privacy Officer, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to activities that affect privacy; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 194. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the "Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 195. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish permanent authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to quickly provide disaster relief to agricultural producers that incur crop or livestock losses as a result of damaging weather or related condition in federally declared disaster areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 196. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of certain offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 197. A bill to authorize salary adjustments for justices and judges of the United

States for fiscal year 2007; considered and passed.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 198. A bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 199. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 200. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 201. A bill to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 202. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 203. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 204. A bill for the relief of Ziad Mohamed Shaban Khweis, Heyam Ziad Khweis, and Juman Ziad Khweis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 205. A bill to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 21. A resolution recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1, a bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

S. 2

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2, a bill