

and an economic anchor in New Orleans, with a staff of 125 and annual billings of more than \$75 million. The news media has recognized the agency's famed corporate culture, with New Orleans City Business and Gambit Weekly each naming it one of the top places to work in New Orleans.

In celebration of its 40th anniversary and in an effort to help beautify our city, the agency last week began planting 40 trees in City Park to replace those lost in Katrina. On Friday evening, the agency celebrated its history with all past and present employees at the Audubon Tea Room. I thank the Senate for recognizing this outstanding agency for its commitment to excellence and public service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2786. An act to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of Native Americans and the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individuals Native Americans to the development of the United States and the history of the United States, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 1:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1908. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2786. An act to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1908. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 10, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 377. An act to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, and for other purposes.

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-3059. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Facility; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3060. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Underground Storage Tank Program in Indian Country; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a flood damage reduction project in California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3062. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Electronic Submissions in Agency Hearings" (RIN3150-AH74) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3063. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NRC Size Standards; Revision" (RIN3150-AI15) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3064. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-68 Revision 1" (RIN3150-AI21) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3065. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, National Wildlife Refuge System, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2007-2008 Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge" (RIN1018-

AV36) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3066. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Frameworks for Early Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AV12) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3067. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting and Permits: Regulations for Managing Resident Canada Goose Populations" (RIN1018-AV15) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3068. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Early Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds in the Contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands" (RIN1018-AV12) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3069. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Economic Development), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Economic Development Administration during fiscal years 2005 and 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3070. A communication from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's inventory of commercial activities and inherently governmental functions for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3071. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2007 through 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3072. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants" (RIN3150-AG24) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3073. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, draft legislation intended to collect certain fees under the Toxic Substance Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3074. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Minor Corrections and Clarifications" (RIN3150-AI14) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3075. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the worst forms of child labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3076. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of

Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under the Employee Protection Provisions of Six Federal Environmental Statutes and Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended" (RIN1218-AC25) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3077. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additive Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium Yeast" (Docket No. 1998F-0196) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3078. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a petition filed by the workers from the Rocky Flats Plant requesting their addition to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3079. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3080. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Citizen Review Panels: A Feasibility Study"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3081. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3082. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices: Immunology and Microbiology Devices: Classifications of In Vitro Immunodeficiency Virus Drug Resistance Genotype Assay" (Docket No. 2007N-0294) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3083. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3084. A communication from the Deputy 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 September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3085. A communication from the Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advance Electronic Transmission of Passenger and Crew Member Manifests for Commercial Aircraft and Vessels" (RIN1651-AA62) received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3086. A communication from the Certifying Officer, Financial Management Serv-

ice, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management of Federal Agency Disbursements" (RIN1510-AB07) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3087. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3088. A communication from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Office of Government Ethics Freedom of Information Act Regulation: Designations under E.O. 13392 and Updates to Contact Numbers and Addition of E-Mail Address" (RIN3209-AA37) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3089. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's financial statement for the period of October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-18" (FAC 2005-18) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3091. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an inventory of the Office's federal activities as of June 30, 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3092. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, National Archives and Record Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Reproduction Fees" (RIN3095-AB49) received on August 17, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3093. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; U.S. Virgin Islands" (RIN3206-AL12) received on August 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3094. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-100, "Joe Pozell Square Designation Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3095. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-96, "District of Columbia Consumer Protection Fund Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-97, "District of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3097. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-98, "Calvin Woodland Sr. Place Designation Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3098. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-99, "Adams Alley Designation Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3099. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-103, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 28, S.O. 04-13414, and Closing Clarification in Square 739, S.O. 06-221, Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3100. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-102, "Historic Preservation Tax Credit Partnership and Limited Liability Company Clarification Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3101. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-101, "Senior Driver Empowerment Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3102. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-94, "Retail Class Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3103. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-95, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3104. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-92, "Unfoldment, Inc., Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3105. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-93, "Bank Charter Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3106. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-91, "Non-Resident Taxi Drivers Registration Temporary Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3107. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-90, "Eastern Market and Georgetown Public Library Disaster Relief Temporary Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3108. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-89, "Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3109. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-88, "Election Date Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3110. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-84, "Ballpark Hard and Soft Costs Cap Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3111. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-85, "Ballpark Parking Completion Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3112. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-86, "One-Time Relocation of Licenses Displaced by the Ballpark and Skyland Development Project Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3113. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-87, "District of Columbia Sentencing and Criminal Code Revision Commission Amendment Act of 2007" received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3114. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3115. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Board's inherently governmental and commercial activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3116. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's commercial and inherently governmental activities during fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3117. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Audit Report Register for the six-month period ending March 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3118. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled, "Native American and Native Hawaiian Housing Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3119. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Housing Block Grant Program—Extension of Annual Performance Report Due Date" (RIN2577-AC74) received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3120. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of an acting officer and nomination for the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, received on August 27, 2007; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3121. A communication from the Under Secretary of Commerce (Intellectual Property), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2007" (RIN0651-AB81) received on August 14, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3122. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Patent Law Treaty Implementation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3123. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Temporary Adjustment of the Immigration and Naturalization Benefit Application and Petition Fee Schedule" (RIN1615-AB61) received on September 4, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3124. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft bill entitled the "Hague Agreement Implementation Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3125. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, proposed legislation entitled the "Nonimmigrant Alien Labor Enforcement Reform Act of 2007"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3126. A communication from the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada, transmitting, correspondence commemorating American Independence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3127. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Assistant Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3128. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Assistant Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3129. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to foreign military sales; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3130. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Deputy Attorney General, received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3131. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Acting Associate Attorney General, received on Sep-

tember 5, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3132. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantee Program-Preferred Surety Qualification, Increased for Veteran and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owner Business, Deadline for Payment of Guarantee Fees, Denial of Liability, and Technical Amendments" (RIN3245-AF39) received on August 3, 2007; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3133. A communication from the Director, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Information to Organ Procurement Organizations" (RIN2900-AM65) received on September 5, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3134. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's FAIR Act inventory for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3135. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration of Intermediaries" (RIN3038-AC37) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3136. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Review of National Futures Associations Decisions in Disciplinary, Membership Denial, Registration, and Member Responsibility Actions" (RIN3038-AC43) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3137. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 06-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3138. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 05-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3139. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 07-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3140. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-11; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3141. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 06-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3142. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (13) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3143. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3144. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements for Insurance" (12 CFR Part 741) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3145. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency blocking property of persons undermining the democratic process in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3146. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency relative to persons who commit or support terrorism as declared in Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3147. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3148. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position Deputy Secretary of Transportation, received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3149. 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 and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB79) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. 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 by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB87) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. 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 Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XB86) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. 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; Rock Sole, Flathead Sole, and 'Other Flatfish' by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB88) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. 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 Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XB89) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correction to Inseason Adjustments to Groundfish Management Measures" (RIN0648-AV69) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval of Final Rule to Modify the Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishery Quota Program; Approval of Final Rule to Implement Amendment 67 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AS84) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Action to Lower the Haddock Minimum Size Limit to 18 Inches to Reduce Regulatory Discarding" (RIN0648-AV75) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on the nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary (Postsecondary Education), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3158. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary (Postsecondary Education), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3159. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of Absorbable Poly(hydroxybutyrate) Surgical Suture Produced by Recombinant DNA Technology" (Docket No. 2007N-0267) received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3160. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary (Planning and Evaluation), received on September 6, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3161. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor (Administration and Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's inventory of commercial and inherently governmental activities for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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. WYDEN:

S. 2034. A bill to amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2035. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2036. A bill to temporarily raise conforming loan limits in high cost areas and portfolio caps applicable to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, to provide the necessary financing to curb foreclosures by facilitating the refinancing of at-risk subprime borrowers into safe, prime loans, to preserve liquidity in the mortgage lending markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 312. A resolution honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 6 miners who were trapped, the 3 rescue workers who were killed, and the many others who were injured in the Crandall Canyon mine disaster in Utah, and recognizing the community and the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 313. A resolution supporting the We Don't Serve Teens campaign; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 314. A resolution designating September 13, 2007, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of