

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 179. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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-2636. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Lauryl Sulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8430-5) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal of Significant New Use Rules" (FRL No. 8433-9) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8413-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1,2-ethanediamine, N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl, Polymer with 1,1'-oxybis[2-chloroethane]; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8430-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2640. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0108)(FV-09-916/917-1 FIR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2641. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rates" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0013)(FV-09-916/917-2

IFR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2642. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0107)(FV-09-925-2 FIR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2643. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0038)(FV-09-922-1 IFR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2644. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0044)(FV-09-959-2 IFR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2645. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Modification of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0094)(FV-09-948-1 FIR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2646. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Relaxation of Handling Requirements" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0106)(FV-09-925-1 FIR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2647. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees for 2009 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" ((Docket No. AMS-CN-09-0011)(CN-09-001)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2648. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Revision of Outgoing Quality Control Requirements"

((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0045)(FV08-981-2 IFR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2649. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanut Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0110)(FV-08-704)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2650. A communication from the Acting Administrator of Cotton and Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2009 Amendments)" ((Docket No. AMS-CN-09-0015)(CN-09-002)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2651. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Country of Origin Labeling of Packed Honey" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0075)(FV-08-330)(RIN0581-AC89)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2652. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Grape Crop Insurance Provisions and Table Grape Crop Insurance Provisions" ((7 CFR Part 457)(RIN0563-AC09)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2653. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Storage Facility Loan and Sugar Storage Facility Loan Programs" ((7 CFR 1436)(RIN0560-AH60)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2654. A communication from the Acting Assistant Director of Directives and Regulations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale and Disposal of National Forest System Timber; Downpayment and Periodic Payments" ((36 CFR Part 223)(RIN0596-AC80)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2655. A communication from the Administrator of Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0105)(FV09-932-1 FIR)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31,

2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2656. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2009 FAIR Act Inventory"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2657. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Implementation of Nondiscretionary WIC Certification and General Administrative Provisions" ((RIN0584—AD73)(7 CFR Part 246)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2658. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Herger—Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act Pilot Project Status Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2659. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Loyd S. Utterback, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2660. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary store at Neubrucke, Germany; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2661. A joint communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, communicating, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of the Senior Oversight Committee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2662. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Status Report on the Disposal of Chemical Weapons and Material for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2663. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the quarterly reporting of withdrawals or diversions of equipment from Reserve component units; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2664. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to specifying for each Reserve component the additional items of equipment that would be procured, and the additional military construction projects that would be carried out; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2665. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of the authorization of an officer to wear the authorized insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2666. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, a report relative to the Department's purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2667. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition

and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Inventories of Contracts for Services for the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2668. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE: Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) Changes Included in the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act (NDA) for Fiscal Year 2007; Authorization for Forensic Examinations" (RIN0720-AB18) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2669. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Private Security Contractors (PSCs) Operating in Contingency Operations" (RIN0790-AI38) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2670. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2671. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commission Guidance Regarding the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification" ((17 CFR Parts 211, 231, and 241) (Release Nos. 33-9062; 34-60519; FR-80)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2672. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1365) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2673. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of a national emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2674. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13313 with respect to the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2675. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 with respect to Cote d'Ivoire Sanctions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2676. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Enhance the Accuracy and Integrity of Information Furnished to Consumer Reporting Agencies Under Section 312

of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act; Final Rule" (RIN3064-AC99) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2677. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1353) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2678. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers; Write-Your-Own Arrangement" (RIN1660-AA58) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2679. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8083)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2680. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8085)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2681. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8085)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2682. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Enhance the Accuracy and Integrity of Information Furnished to Consumer Reporting Agencies Under Section 312 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act" (RIN1557-AC89) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2683. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital—Residential Mortgage Loans Modified Pursuant to the Making Home Affordable Program" (RIN1550-AC34) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2684. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Singapore; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2685. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Japan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2686. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing and a nomination and confirmation in the position of Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2687. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a confirmation in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2688. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Credit Union Reporting" (RIN3133-AD56) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2689. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Savings" (RIN3133-AD57) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2690. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Capital—Residential Mortgage Loans Modified Pursuant to the Making Home Affordable Program" (RIN3064-AD42) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2691. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest Rate Restrictions on Insured Depository Institutions That Are Not Well Capitalized" (12 CFR Part 337) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2692. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Smart Grid System Report"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2693. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the procurement of additional services on a noncompetitive basis from the United States Enrichment Corporation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2694. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Energy Information Adminis-

tration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Review 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2695. A communication from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the boundary for the North Fork Smith and Upper Rogue Rivers in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2696. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the acceptance of gifted land in Socorro County, New Mexico adjacent to the Chupadera Wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2697. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress made in licensing and constructing the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2698. A communication from the Environmental Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a report relative to construction clearances; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2699. A communication from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the boundary for the Carp, Indian and Whitefish Rivers in Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2700. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Changes to Production Measurement and Training Requirements" (RIN1010-AD55) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2701. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. UT-045-FOR) (Docket No. OSM-2008-0011)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 1, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2702. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Annual Update of Commission Filing Fees" ((18 CFR Part 381) (Docket No. RM09-17-000)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2703. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009-2010 Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge" (RIN1018-AW48) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2704. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008-2009 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations - Modifications" (RIN1018-AV80) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the Presi-

dent of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2705. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for California" (FRL No. 8941-3) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2706. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8948-6) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2707. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8945-1) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2708. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf-Changing Proprietary Term of Certain Geophysical Information" (RIN1010-AD41) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2709. A communication from the Acting Director of Human Resources, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to nominations and (2) reports relative to confirmations within the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2710. A communication from the Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Carry-Over Funds" (RIN0970-AC40) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2711. 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 "Modification of Revenue Procedure 2007-44" (Notice No. 2009-36) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2712. 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 "Special Rules Governing Eligible Combined Plans" (Notice No.

2009-71) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2713. 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 - September 2009" (Notice No. 2009-29) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2714. 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 "Work Opportunity Tax Credit" (Notice No. 2009-69) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2715. 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 "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability" (Notice No. 2009-34) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2716. 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 "Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Program" (Notice No. 2009-72) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2717. 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 "Tier I Issue - Section 936 Exit Strategies" ((LMSB-4-0809-031)(Uniform List No. 482.11-00; 482.11-08; 482.12-00; 482.09-00; 367.30-00; 367.05-00)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2718. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Annual Report of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2719. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2720. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Changing the Future of Drug Safety: FDA Initiatives to Strengthen and Transform the Drug Safety System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2721. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA) for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2722. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Breach Notification for Unsecured Protected Health Information"

(RIN0991-AB56) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2723. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel of the Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Education Programs" (RIN1840-AC97) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 18, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2724. A communication from the Acting Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2725. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications for Food and Drug Administration Approval to Market a New Drug; Postmarketing Reports; Reporting Information About Authorized Generic Drugs" (RIN0910-AG19) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2726. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advisory Committee; Risk Communication Advisory Committee; Termination and Recharter" (Docket No. FDA-2009-N-0310) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2727. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay increases for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2728. A communication from Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report on the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2729. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2730. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Boise, ID and Utah Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AL82) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2731. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Lake Charles—Alexandria and New Orleans, LA Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AL81) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2732. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time-in-Grade Eliminated" (RIN3206-AL18) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2733. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Noncompetitive Appointment of Certain Military Spouses" (RIN3206-AL73) as received during adjournment of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2734. A communication from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Job Placement and Training" (RIN1076-AE88) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2735. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Indian Gaming Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Various National Indian Gaming Commission Regulations" (RIN3141-0001) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2736. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed settlement agreement entered into by the Department of Justice and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon on January 16, 2009; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2737. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Refugee Resettlement Program"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2738. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2008 Report of Statistics Required by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2739. A joint communication from the Secretary General and the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Campaign, transmitting, a report entitled "A Parliamentary Response to Violence Against Women"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2740. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Academy's activities during the year ending December 31, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2741. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's recent appointment of members to the Virginia Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2742. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Management and Administration and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination in the position of Deputy Director for State, Local and Tribal Affairs in the Office of National Drug Control Policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2743. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2008 Accounting of Drug Control Funds"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2744. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Compensation and Pension Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumption of Service Connection for Osteoporosis for Former Prisoners of War" (RIN2900-AN16) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2745. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medication Prescribed by Non-VA Physicians" (RIN2900-AL68) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 31, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2746. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Third Quarterly Report from the Attorney General to Congress; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 7, 2009, the following reports of committees were submitted on September 2, 2009:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 728. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-71).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 588. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-72).

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. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1649. A bill to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1650. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the purchase and processing of healthful commodities for use in school meal programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1651. A bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1652. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1653. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURRIS:

S. 1654. A bill for the relief of Maria I. Benitez and Maria Guadalupe Lopez; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 253. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Libya should apologize for the welcome home ceremony held to celebrate the release of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. Res. 254. A resolution honoring, commemorating, and celebrating the historic ties of the United States and the Netherlands on the quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River, and recognizing the settlement and enduring values of New Netherland, which continue to influence American society; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr.

DEMINT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 255. A resolution relative to the death of Edward Moore Kennedy, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 23

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 23, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the election to deduct State and local sales taxes.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 354

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and for other purposes.

S. 416

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 416, a bill to limit the use of cluster munitions.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from