

the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 3094. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act with respect to representation hearings and the timing of elections of labor organizations under that Act.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 394. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1930. A bill to prohibit earmarks.

S. 1931. A bill to provide civilian payroll tax relief, to reduce the Federal budget deficit, and for other purposes.

S. 1932. A bill to require the Secretary of State to act on a permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

S.J. Res. 30. Joint resolution extending the cooling-off period under section 10 of the Railway Labor Act with respect to the dispute referred to in Executive Order No. 13586 of October 6, 2011.

S.J. Res. 31. Joint resolution applying certain conditions to the dispute referred to in Executive Order 13586 of October 6, 2011, between the enumerated freight rail carriers, common carriers by rail in interstate commerce, and certain of their employees represented by labor organizations that have not agreed to extend the cooling-off period under section 10 of the Railway Labor Act beyond 12:01 a.m. on December 6, 2011.

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution to provide for the resolution of the outstanding issues in the current railway labor-management dispute.

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-4115. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9325-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohexadione Calcium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9326-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4117. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyethylene glycol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8892-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4118. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4119. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting a legislative proposal relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4120. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Appraiser Roster: Appraiser Qualifications for Placement on the FHA Appraiser Roster" (RIN2502-AI96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4121. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4122. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4123. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Geothermal Resource Leasing and Geothermal Resources Unit Agreements" (RIN1004-AD86) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4124. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Public Sales" (RIN1004-AD74) received during recess of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 11, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4125. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia and Ohio; Determinations of Attainment of the 1997 Annual Fine Particle Standard for the Parkersburg-Marietta and Wheeling Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 9498-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4126. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Revisions to Control Volatile Organic Compound Emissions for Surface Coatings and Graphic Arts" (FRL No. 9496-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4127. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning; Louisiana; Baton Rouge Area: Redesignation to Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9498-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4128. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 9493-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4129. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases" (FRL No. 9493-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4130. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina: Redesignation of the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment" (FRL No. 9493-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4131. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina: Redesignation of the Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to