

Most recently, a report to be released today by a national commission studying the impact of gambling will apparently recommend that the minimum age for all forms of gambling be raised to 21. Although currently most casinos require gamblers to be 21, other forms of gambling, such as state lotteries have an age requirement of 18. The National Gambling Impact Study Commission contends that there should be tighter restrictions on state lotteries and other forms of betting because of the dangers and risks of excessive gambling.

Surely if there are clear and compelling reasons to prevent young people from drinking and gambling, there are even better reasons, as documented by the Gore report, to prevent 18, 19 and 20 year olds from owning an assault weapon or a handgun. I am a cosponsor of legislation introduced by Senator SCHUMER, S. 891, that would prohibit the sale or transfer of these weapons to young adults as well as prohibit possession of these weapons by those under 21, while maintaining exemptions under current law. In my judgment, it is critical that Congress act quickly to close these loopholes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3781. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Matching Credit Card and Debit Card Contributions in Presidential Campaigns", received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3782. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 10 Rules of Practice"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3783. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1999 Amendment to Cotton Board Rules and Regulations Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports—Final Rule" (Docket Number: CN-99-002), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3784. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1998-99 Zante Currant Raisins" (Docket Number: FV-99-989-3 FIR), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3785. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Revision of the Sampling

Techniques for Whole Block and Partial Block Diversions and Increasing the Number of Partial Block Diversions Per Season for Tart Cherries" (Docket Number: FV-99-930-2 FIR), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3786. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Horses from Australia and New Zealand; Quarantine Requirements" (Docket Number: 98-069-2), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3787. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Fibromyalgia" (RIN2900-AH05), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3788. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Education: Increase in Educational Assistance Rates" (RIN2900-AJ37), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3789. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure Notice" (FR-4411) (RIN2502-AH30), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3790. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Equal Access to Justice Act Attorney Fees Regulations", received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3791. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Date of Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Benefits" (RIN0960-AE71), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3792. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice 99-36, Charitable Split-Dollar Transactions" (Notice 99-36), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3793. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correspondence: Return Address" (RIN1120-AA69), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3794. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Prison Industries (FPI) Inmate Work Programs: Eligibility" (RIN1120-AA57), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3795. A communication from the Military Personnel Management Specialist,

Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule 32-National Defense-Part 881-Determination of Active Military Service for Civilians or Contractual Groups," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3796. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Congressional Medal of Honor" (DFARS Case 98-D304), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3797. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3798. A communication from the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Circular 97-12" (FAC 97-12), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3799. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Allied Signal Inc. VN411B Very High Frequency (VHF) Navigation Receivers; Docket No. 95-CE-91 (6-11/6-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0246), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3800. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flight Crewmember Flight Time Limitations and Rest Requirements; Notice of Enforcement Policy" (RIN2120-ZZ19), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3801. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 45 (YT-34), 45 (T-34A, B-45), and D45 (T-34B) Airplanes; Request for Comments; July 9, 1999 (6-14/6-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0242), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3802. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 1900D Airplanes; Docket No. 98-CE-127 (6-11/6-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0244), received June 14, 1999; Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3803. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-200C Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-273" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0245), received June 14, 1999; Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3804. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: The New Piper Aircraft Inc. Models PA-31, PA-31-300, PA-31-325, PA-31-350, and PA-31P-350 Airplanes; Docket No. 97-CE-32 (6-14/6-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0243), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3805. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: International Aero Engines AG V2500-A1 and V2500-A5 Series Turbofan Engines; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-NE-37 (6-15/6-14)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0241), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3806. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Incorporations by Reference for Alternate Compliance Program (ACP) (USCG-1999-5004)" (RIN2115-AF74), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3807. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; New York Super Bowl Race, Hudson River, New York (CGD01-98-175)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0029), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3808. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; 4th of July Fireworks, Charles River Esplanade, Boston, MA (CGD01-99-057)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0028), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3809. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Fort Point Channel, MA (CGD01-98-173)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0021), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3810. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Riverbend Festival, Tennessee River Mile 463.5 to 464.5, Chattanooga, TN (CGD08-99-037)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0023), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3811. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Riverfest '99, Tennessee River Mile Marker 140.0 to 141.0, Parsons, TN (CGD08-99-038)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0022), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3812. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Hampton Offshore Challenge, Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, Virginia (CGD05-99-038)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0019), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3813. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SPL; Independence Day Celebration, Cumberland River Mile 190.0-191.0, Nashville, TN (CGD08-99-036)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0020), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3814. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Sharptown Outboard Regatta, Nanticoke River, Sharptown, Maryland (CGD05-99-037)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0021), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3815. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Anaktuvuk Pass, AK; Correction; Docket No. 99-AAL-42 (6-16/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0202), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3816. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Shawnee, OK; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ASW-07 (6-17/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0201), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3817. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Lake Charles, LA; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ASW-04 (6-17/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0199), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3818. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Guthrie, OK; Direct Final Rule; Confirmation of Effective Date; Docket No. 99-ASW-06 (6-17/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0198), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3819. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bell Helicopter Textron Canada (BHTC) Model 206L-4 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No.

98-SW-66 (6-17/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0247), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3820. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model AS 32C, L, L1, and L2 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-17 (6-17/6-17)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0248), received June 17, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3821. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of the Gulf of Alaska to Directed Fishing for Pollock in Statistical Area 610," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3822. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Statistical Area 620, Gulf of Alaska, to Directed Fishing for Pollock," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3823. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure to Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3824. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3825. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Regarding the Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Power Plant Operations" (RIN0648-AK00), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3826. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States-Final Rule to Implement Framework Adjustment 29 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Framework Adjustment 11 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AM24), received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first