

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 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 9:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, 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. 2606. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 987. An act to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics.

H.R. 2031. An act to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor.

H.R. 1907. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 167. Concurrent resolution authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 987. An act to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2031. An act to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 4, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 880. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, and for other purposes.

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-4494. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4495. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management for fiscal year 1998; referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 97-425, to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Environment and Public Works.

EC-4496. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Claims Under the Tort Claims Act and Representations and Indemnification of SBA Employees" (FR Doc. 99-18951 Filed 7-23-99), received August 2, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-4497. A communication from the Interim Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4498. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vaccine Injury Compensation Program; Addition of Vaccines Against Rotavirus to the Program" (RIN0906-AA50), received August 3, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4499. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to danger pay for government employees in Lima, Peru; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4500. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4501. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with the Republic of Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4502. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more with Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4504. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to DoD purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4505. A communication from the Executive Director, Procurement Management Directorate, Contract Policy Team, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DLA Acquisition Directive; Types of Contracts", received August 3, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4506. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief, Environmental Planning Branch, Environmental Division, U.S. Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact Analysis Process" (32 CFR 989), received July 29, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4507. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, dated August 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4508. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption of Originating Mexican Goods From Certain Customs User Fees" (RIN1515-AC47), received July 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4509. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 99-38), received August 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4510. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 99-34, BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes-June 1999" (Rev. Rul. 99-34), received July 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4511. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (HCFA-1913-F)" (RIN0938-AI47), received August 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4512. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index (HCFA-1054-N)" (RIN0938-AJ62), received August 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4513. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of