

Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 188. Concurrent resolution commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Governmental spending; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read twice and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc. for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

H.R. 1528. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 1753. An act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of gas hydrate resources, and other purposes.

H.R. 3061. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

#### 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-5839. 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 99-52), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5840. A communication from the Mayor of the District of Columbia, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, report number 99-86; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5841. 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 relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5842. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5843. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5844. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Reserve Employee Benefits System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System and the Thrift Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System for 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5845. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to audit and investigative activities and management control systems for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5846. A communication from the Director Designee, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relative to audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5847. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to notification of a proposed approval for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to French Guiana; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5848. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5849. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5850. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5851. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5852. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5853. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the

Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5855. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5856. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Netherlands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5857. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Luxembourg and French Guiana; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5858. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5859. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5860. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5862. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5863. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5864. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Initial Report of the United States of America to the UN Committee Against Torture"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5865. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to "countries of particular concern" relating to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5866. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of expenditures for the period October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5867. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Memorandum of Justification relative to Ex-Im Bank financing of the sale of defense articles to Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5868. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers; 64 FR 56174; 10/18/99"; received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5869. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of Mergers and Acquisitions, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cross-Border Tender and Exchange Offers, Business Combination and Rights Offerings"; received October 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5870. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Office of Mergers and Acquisitions, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Takeovers and Security Holder Communications—(Regulation M-A)"; received October 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5871. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri Regulatory Program"; received October 26, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5872. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the denial of safeguards information; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5873. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Tennessee; Approval of Source Specific Revisions to the Nonregulatory Portion of the Tennessee SIP

Regarding Emission Limits for Particulate Matter and Volatile Organic Compounds" (FRL #6465-1), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5874. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Bull Trout in the Coterminous United States" (RIN1018-AF01), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5875. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act, a report relative to the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5876. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions (Cohort Default Rates)" (RIN1845-AA04), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5877. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program (Lenders and Guaranty Agencies)" (RIN1845-AA04), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5878. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended and Student Assistance General Provisions" (RIN1845-AA08), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5879. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Student Assistance General Provisions" (RIN1845-AA03), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5880. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Perkins Loan Program" (RIN1845-AA05), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5881. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Family Education Loan Program and William D. Ford Direct Loan Program" (RIN1845-AA00), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5882. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a report entitled "Entry and Competition in the U.S. Airline Industry: Issues and Opportunities"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5883. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bu-

reau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations; Princeton and Elk River, MN" (MM Docket No. 98-208; RM-9396), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5884. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations; Cal-Nev-Ari, Boulder City and Las Vegas, NV" (MM Docket No. 93-279; DA-99-2115), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5885. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations; Mount Olive and Staunton, IL," (MM Docket No. 99-167; RM 9391), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5886. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations; Fremont and Holton, MI," (MM Docket No. 98-180; RM 9365), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5887. A communication from the Acting Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of Motor Carrier Safety, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Motor Carrier Safety Regulations" (RIN2125-AE70), received October 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5888. 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; Mile 94.0 to Mile 96.0, Lower Mississippi River, Above Head of Passes (COTP New Orleans-99-027)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0067), received October 25, 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 and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

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

S. 1798. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for investors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1799. A bill for the relief of Sergio Lozano; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1800. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve onsite inspections of State food stamp programs, to provide grants to develop community partnerships and innovative outreach strategies for food