Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations: SLR: City of Augusta, GA (CGD07-99-068)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0042), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6222. 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 "Regattas: Regatta Regulations: SLR: City of Augusta, GA (CGD07-99-068)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0042), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Whereas, Of the greatest challenges facing humanity in any age is the production of food of sufficient quantity and quality to meet ever-increasing needs. Investments in the process of raising crops are among the most important commitments we can make to future generations. Subsidies for food production, research, and marketing hold the potential to touch every citizen in a positive fashion; and

Whereas, With the recent settlement among the states and the tobacco industry, the enormity of the cost tobacco exacts on our society is clear. Any money going to support any aspect of this activity would be far better spent elsewhere; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to end tobacco subsidies and to redirect this support to food-producing agricultural activities; and be it further,

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By MR. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:


EC-6223. 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; Slaime Construction Fireworks, East River, Manhattan, NY (CGD01-99-191)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0088), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Whereas, For many years, even as our country has wrestled with the costly and important commitments we can make to future generations. Subsidies for food production, research, and marketing hold the potential to touch every citizen in a positive fashion; and

Whereas, With the recent settlement among the states and the tobacco industry, the enormity of the cost tobacco exacts on our society is clear. Any money going to support any aspect of this activity would be far better spent elsewhere; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to end tobacco subsidies and to redirect this support to food-producing agricultural activities; and be it further,

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By MR. ROTH for the Committee on Finance:

Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2008.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By MR. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary:


(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CRAIG:

S. 1937. A bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By MR. CRAIG (for himself, MR. THOMAS, MR. CRAPO, and MR. BURNS):

S. 1938. A bill to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By MR. HELMS:

S. 1939. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for dry cleaning equipment which uses reduced amounts of hazardous substances; to the Committee on Finance.

By MR. LEAHY (for himself, MR. BROWNBACK, MR. FINKELD, MR. KENNEDY, MR. KERRY, MR. JEFFORDS, and MR. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1940. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By MR. JEFFORDS:

S. 1941. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By MR. MURRAY:

S. 1942. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish grant programs to provide State pharmacy assistance programs and medication management programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By MR. MURRAY:

S. 1943. A bill to provide for an inexpensive book distribution program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 1944. A bill to provide national challenge grants for innovation in the education of homeless children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By MR. BOND (for himself and MR. JOHNSON):

S. 1945. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require consideration under the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program of the extent to which a proposed project or program reduces sulfur or atmospheric carbon emissions, to make renewable fuel projects eligible under that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By MR. INHOFE (for himself, MS. SNOWE, MR. BAUCUS, MR. WARNER, MR. FEINSTEIN, MR. LIBERMAN, MR. Wyden, MR. DOMENICI, MR. MOYNIHAN, MS. COLLINS, MR. LAUTENBERG, MR. KERRY, and MR. BENNETT):

S. 1946. A bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the "John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act"; to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, to expand programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.