

during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 193. An act to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 171. An act to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes.

H.R. 705. An act to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives.

H.R. 1212. An act to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bills were signed on March 31, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 754. A bill to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building."

S. 755. A bill to extend the period for compliance with certain ethical standards for Federal prosecutors.

Pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, the following bills were discharged from the Committee on the Budget and placed on the calendar:

S. 92. A bill to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 557. A bill to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 26, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 643. An act to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, 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-2382. A communication from the Acting Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on voting practices at the United Nations for 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2383. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of international agreements

other than treaties entered into the United States (99-32 to 99-35) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2384. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2385. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed export license relative to technical assistance agreements with Russia involving Proton rocket satellite launch services (DTC-39-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2386. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on minorities in the Foreign Service Officer Corps; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2387. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the Airborne Laser program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2388. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the establishment of an appeals process for TRICARE Claimcheck denials; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2389. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); TRICARE Prime Enrollment Procedures" (RIN0720-AA48) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2390. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Single Process Initiative" (Case 97-D014) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2391. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Purchase Through Other Agencies" (Case 98-D311) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2392. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Employment Prohibition on Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other Defense-Contract-Related Felonies" (Case 97-D020) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2393. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2394. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Government in the

Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2395. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2396. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to the Committee's Procurement List dated March 17, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2397. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-23, "Apostolic Church of Washington, D.C., Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Temporary Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2398. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-22, "Real Property Tax Reassessment and Cold Weather Eviction Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2399. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the State of Fair Housing in America; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2400. A communication from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Office of Thrift Supervision's 1999 compensation plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2401. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program; Insurance coverage and Rates" (RIN3067-AC96) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2402. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (44 CFR 67) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2403. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (FEMA Docket No. 7281) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2404. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (64 FR 11386) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2405. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64FR 11384) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2406. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64FR 11382) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2407. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64FR 11380) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2408. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64FR 7505) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2409. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance" (Docket FEMA-7708) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2410. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxation of Fringe Benefits" (Rev. Rul. 99-12) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2411. A communication from the Chief of the 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 99-15) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2412. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Funds Transfer—Temporary Waiver of Failure to Deposit Penalty for Certain Taxpayers" (Notice 99-12) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2413. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 99-20) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2414. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 99-22) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2415. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Accounting Method for Deferred Compensation" (Notice 99-16) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2416. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Certain Transfers to Foreign Partnerships and Foreign Corporations" (RIN1545-AV70) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2417. A communication from the Director of the National Institute on Aging, De-

partment of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Institute's report entitled "Progress Report on Alzheimer's Disease, 1998"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2418. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over-The-Counter Human Drugs; Labeling Requirements; Final Rule" (RIN0910-AA79) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2419. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims; Definition of Term: Healthy; Extension of Partial Stay" (Docket No. 96P-0500 and 91N-384H) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2420. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling; Serving Sizes; Reference Amount for Baking Powder; Baking Soda, and Pectin" (Docket No. 94P-0240) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2421. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology" (CFDA No. 84.342) received on March 24, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2422. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Senior Service Corps, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foster Grandparent Program" (RIN3045-AA18) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2423. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Senior Service Corps, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Senior Companion Program" (RIN3045-AA17) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2424. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Senior Service Corps, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retired and Senior Volunteer Program" (RIN3045-AA19) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2425. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Combined Thirty-Ninth through Forty-Third Quarterly Reports to Congress on the status of Exxon and Stripper Well Oil Overcharge Funds" (April 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2426. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, notice of the Department of Energy's intent to begin shipping non-mixed transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2427. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation regarding appropriations pertaining to California Bay Delta Environmental Enhancement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of the Office of Insular Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on the United States Territories and Commonwealths and on the State of Hawaii"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2429. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Energy Accounting Handbook"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2430. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria and Procedures for DOE Contractor Employee Protection Program; Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations" (RIN1901-AA78) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2431. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Department of Energy Management and Operating Contracts and Other Designated Contracts" (RIN1991-AB32) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program; Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. PA-121-FOR) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2433. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinclorac; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6069-5) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2434. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenbuconazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6069-4) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytrobins; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6066-4) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2436. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arsanilic acid [(4-aminophenyl) arsonic acid]; Time-Limited

Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6069-7) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2437. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding changes to the Utah State Air Quality Implementation plan with respect to definitions of "Sole Source of Heat" and "Emissions Standards" (FRL6314-8) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2438. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL6307-1) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2439. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6313-4) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2440. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL6309-9) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2441. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Oxides of Nitrogen for the State of New Jersey" (FRL6313-9) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2442. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Protection Agency; Underground Injection Control Program Revision; Aquifer Exemption Determination for Portions of the Lance Formation Aquifer in Wyoming" (FRL6316-4) received on March 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2443. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance Plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2444. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Contracts for Notification to the Government of Actual or Potential Labor Disputes" received on March 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2445. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National

Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan" (I.D. 010899B) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2446. A communication from the Director of the 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; Amendment 56 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and Amendment 56 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" (I.D. 101498C) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2447. A communication from the Director of the 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; Sablefish Managed Under the Individual Fishing Quota Program" (I.D. 030999C) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2448. A communication from the Director of the 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; Fishery Cooperatives" (I.D. 031599A) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2449. A communication from the Acting Director of the 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 Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 030999B) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2450. A communication from the Acting Director of the 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 Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 031199A) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2451. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure" (I.D. 031299A) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2452. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area: Navigable Waters Within the First Coast Guard District" (Docket 01-98-151) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2453. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Refugio, Texas" (Docket 98-165) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2454. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Long Beach and Shallotte, North Carolina" (Docket 98-149) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2455. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: West Tisbury, Massachusetts" (Docket 98-235) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2456. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Manhattan, Montana" (Docket No. 98-233) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2457. 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; Fort Dodge, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-61) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2458. 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; Fort Dodge, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-61) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2459. 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; Columbus, NE" (Docket 98-ACE-62) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2460. 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 Avionics, Inc. Models GNS-X1s and GNS-X1 Flight Management System" (Docket 97-CE-07-AD) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2461. 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-332C, L, and L1, and L2

Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-01-AD) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2462. 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-365N, N1, and N2 Helicopters" (Docket 97-SW-64-AD) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2463. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29487) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2464. 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 "Modification of the Gulf of Mexico High Offshore Airspace Area" (Docket 97-ASW-24) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2465. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29488) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2466. 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 "Amend Controlling and Using Agencies for Restricted Area R-2908, Pensacola, FL" (Docket 98-ASO-19) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2467. 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 "Establishment of Class D Airspace and Modification of Class E Airspace; Bozeman, MT" (Docket 98-ANM-19) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2468. 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 "Change of Using Agency for Prohibited Area P-56, District of Columbia" (Docket 98-AWA-4) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2469. 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; Alliance, NE" (Docket 98-ACE-54) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2470. 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

"Revocation of Class E Airspace, Revision of Class D Airspace; Torrance, CA" (Docket 98-AWP-34) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2471. 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 "Existence of Airworthiness Design Standards for Acceptance Under the Primary Category Rule" received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2472. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9 and DC-9-80 Series Airplanes, Model MD-88 Airplanes, and C-9 (Military) Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-203-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2473. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes" (Docket 99-CE-03-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2474. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model S-76C Helicopters" (Docket 99-SW-22-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2475. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-198-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2476. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model EMB-145 Series Airplanes" (Docket 99-NM-33-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2477. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-296-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2478. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-80 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-929-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2479. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-5 Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-56-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2480. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-400, -400D, and -400F Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-171-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2481. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, 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 97-CE-152-AD) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2482. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Avions Pierre Robin Model R2160 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-78-AD) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2483. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. (Agusta) Model A109E helicopters" (Docket 99-SW-10-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2484. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace HP137 Mk1, Jetstream Series 200, and Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-92-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2485. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace HP137 Mk1, Jetstream Series 200, and Jetstream Models 3101 and 3201 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-102-AD) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2486. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated March 1,

1999; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2487. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a violation of the Antideficiency Act by Air Force personnel at the 149th Fighter Wing, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2488. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a violation of the Antideficiency Act by Air Force personnel at the 66 Civil Engineering Squadron, Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts, during fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2489. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on a deliberate violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Comptroller/Director, Resource Management Division, Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida, during fiscal years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2490. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the adoption of a legally binding instrument establishing the International Dolphin Conservation Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2491. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Buxton, North Carolina" (Docket 98-144) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2492. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Rio Grande City, Texas" (Docket 98-186) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2493. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Malvern and Bryant, Arkansas" (Docket 98-53) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2494. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Belzoni and Tehula, Mississippi" (Docket 97-243) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2495. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: New Martinsville, West Virginia" (Docket 97-129) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2496. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Pauls Valley and Healdton, Oklahoma" (Docket 98-75) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2497. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Knox City, Texas" (Docket 98-236) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2498. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Augusta, Wisconsin" (Docket 98-234) received on March 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2499. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Internal Programmatic Approval Documentation" received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2500. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 030399B) received on March 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2501. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure" (I.D. 030399B) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2502. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 031999A) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2503. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 1999 Harvest Guideline" (I.D. 022599B) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2504. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage, Alaska, Terminal Area" (Docket 29029) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2505. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Williams International, L.L.C. FJ44-1A Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-36-AD) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2506. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act for 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2507. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Rule for Ohio Investment Advisers" (RIN3235-AH60) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2508. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks" (Docket R-1027) received on March 24, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2509. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Entity List: Addition of Russian Entities; and Revisions to Certain Indian and Pakistani Entities" (RIN0694-AB60) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Commercial Communications Satellites and Related Items from the Department of Commerce's Commerce Control List for Retransfer to the Department of State's United States Munitions List" (RIN 0694-AB84) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2511. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law in the report of a rule entitled "Section 8 Certificate and Voucher Program Conforming Rule: Technical Correction" (RIN2577-AB63) received on March 18, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2512. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits for Spouses, Mothers, Fathers, and Children" (RIN0960-AD83) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2513. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 99-19) received on March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2514. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (Docket ND-035-FOR) received on March 11, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2515. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6315-9) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2516. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List the Flat Woods Salamander as a Threatened Species" (RIN 1018-AE38) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2517. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, transmitting, pursuant to the Department's annual report on waivers granted to aviators who fail to meet operational flying duty requirements for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2518. A communication from the Secretary of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the program for the development and demonstration of technologies for the demilitarization and disposal of conventional munitions, rockets, and explosives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2519. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated March 22, 1999; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2520. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice that the Farm Services Agency, Salaries and Expenses Appropriation has been apportioned on a deficiency basis; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2521. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

EC-2522. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 for Certain Centers" received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

EC-2523. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, report under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act regarding Department of

Agriculture vacancies in the positions of Assistant Secretary for Administration and Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2524. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan Grant Program" (RIN0572-AB31) received on March 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2525. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table Grapes (European or Vinifera Type); Grape Standards" (Docket FV-98-302) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2526. A communication from the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Disclosure to Shareholders; FCS Board Compensation Limits" (RIN 3052-AB79) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2527. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brucellosis. Procedures for Retaining Class Free State Status" (Docket 98-060-2) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2528. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed credit guarantee to support the sale of various capital goods and services to Bariven S.A., Caracas, Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2529. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on defense purchases from foreign entities in fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2530. A communication from the Principal Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on a "Plan for Improved Demilitarization of Excess and Surplus Defense Property"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2531. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department's plan for the inventory management of in-transit items; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2532. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's interim report on the methods of selection of members of the Armed Forces to serve on courts-martial; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2533. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2534. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2535. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-

mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2536. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated March 25, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2537. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2538. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Small Business Subcontracting Program" (RIN3090-AG96) received on March 26, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2539. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on a new mileage reimbursement rate for Federal employees who use privately owned automobiles while on official business; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2540. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2541. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report under the Chief Financial Officers Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2542. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2543. A communication from the Vice President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's annual report under the Chief Financial Officers Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2544. A communication from the Director of Financial Management, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1998 annual report of the Comptrollers' General Retirement System; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2545. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and Kern County Air Pollution Control

District" (FRL6235-8) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2546. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice that funding for the emergency declared on January 8, 1999, regarding record snow in the State of Illinois will exceed 5 million dollars; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2547. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice that funding for the emergency declared on January 27, 1999, regarding record snow in the State of Michigan will exceed 5 million dollars; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2548. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice that funding for the emergency declared on January 15, 1999, regarding record snow in the State of Indiana will exceed 5 million dollars; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2549. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice that funding for the emergency declared on September 28, 1998 regarding the impact of Hurricane Georges on the State of Alabama will exceed 5 million dollars; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2550. A communication from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue; All Industries, Health Insurance Deductibility for Self-Employed Individuals" (UIL 162.35-02) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2551. A communication from the Assistant Commissioner (Examination), Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue; All Industries; Retroactive Adoption of an Accident and Health Plan" (UIL 105.06-05) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2552. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Brazil to the List of Nations Entitled to Reciprocal Exemption from the Payment of Special Tonnage Taxes" (T.D. 99-32) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2553. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Warehouse Withdrawals; Aircraft Fuel Supplies; Pipeline Transportation of Merchandise in Bond" (T.D. 99-33) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2554. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2555. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accident Investigation" (DOE O 225.1A) re-

ceived on March 1, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2556. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the President's decision to send certain U.S. forces to Macedonia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2557. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Strategic Concept of NATO; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2558. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for U.S. international broadcasting, and to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, certification of a proposed license for the export of certain radar systems to the Government of Norway (DTC 63-99); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2560. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the initiation of danger pay for USG civilian employees serving in Eritrea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2561. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report under the Support for East European Democracy Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2562. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the Department's intent to obligate funds for additional Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2563. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; Control of Commercial Communications Satellites on the United States Munitions List" received on March 17, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2564. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report of the Maritime Administration for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2565. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2566. A communication from the Director of the 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; Groundfish by Vessels Using Non-Pelagic Trawl Gear in the Red King Crab Savings Subarea" (I.D. 021299B) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2567. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 032399C) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2568. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan" (I.D. 110998F) received on March 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2569. A communication from the Procurement Executive, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commerce Acquisition Regulation; Agency Protest Procedures" (RIN0605-AA15) received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2570. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act ('Appliance Labeling Rule')" received on March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2571. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Review of International Common Carrier Regulations" (Docket 98-118) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2572. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Serbia-Montenegro" (RIN2120-AG78) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2573. 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 "Pilot Responsibility for Compliance With Air Traffic Control Clearances and Instructions" received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2574. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29502) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2575. 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 "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29501) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2576. 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 "Revocation of Restricted Area R-5704 Hermistaton, OR" (Docket 98-AMN-23) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2577. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Bryan, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-68) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2578. 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 "Modification of Jet Route J-42" (Docket 97-AEA-29) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2579. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Toledo, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-71) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2580. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Adrian, MI" (Docket 98-AGL-66) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2581. 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 "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Steubenville, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-65) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2582. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Shelbyville, IN" (Docket 98-AGL-80) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2583. 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; Maquoketa, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-50) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2584. 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; Burlington, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-56) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2585. 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; Belle Plaine, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-51) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2586. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Napoleon, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-72) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2587. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Tiffin, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-70) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2588. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Lima, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-69) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2589. 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 "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Kelleys Island, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-74) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2590. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Grand Rapids, MI" (Docket 98-AGL-77) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2591. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Port Clinton, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-73) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2592. 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 "Modification of Class E Airspace; Defiance, OH" (Docket 98-AGL-67) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2593. 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 "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Glencoe, NM" (Docket 98-AGL-76) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2594. 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; Washington, IA" (Docket 99-ACE-18) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2595. 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 "Change in Using Agency for Restricted Areas, FL" (Docket 98-ASO-21) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2596. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; SOCAT—Group Aerospace Model TBM 700 Airplanes" (Docket 99-CE-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2597. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Industrie Aeronautiche e Meccaniche Model Piaggio P-180 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-97-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2598. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA.315B Helicopters" (Docket 98-SW-57-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2599. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream Model 3201 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-91-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2600. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; DR. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche Aktiengesellschaft (Porsche) 3200N01, N02, and N03 Reciprocating Engines" (Docket 99-ANE-09-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2601. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-1011-385 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-256-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2602. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA330J Helicopters" (Docket 97-SW-42-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2603. A communication from the Program Support Specialist, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes" (Docket 99-NM-39-AD) received on March 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2604. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations: Pauls Valley and Wynnewood, Oklahoma" (Docket 98-140) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2605. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning developments in Kosovo and the region, particularly Macedonia and Albania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2606. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the decision to deploy additional United States forces to Albania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 25, 1999, the following reports of committees were submitted on March 26, 1999:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 148: A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds (Rept. No. 106-36).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 331: A bill to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-37).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 380: A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (Rept. No. 106-38).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 574: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (Rept. No. 106-39).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. Res. 26: A resolution relating to Taiwan's Participation in the World Health Organization.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 461: A bill to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt significant sectors of the American economy.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment:

S. Con. Res. 17: A concurrent resolution concerning the 20th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

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. THURMOND:

S. 763. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 764. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 765. A bill to ensure the efficient allocation of telephone numbers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 766. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 767. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing; read the first time.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 763. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SBP BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, today, as our Armed Forces are engaged in operations over Yugoslavia, I am introducing legislation that corrects a long-standing injustice to the widows of our military retirees. My bill would immediately increase for survivors over the age 62 the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan annuity from 35 percent to 40 percent of the Survivor Benefit Plan-covered uniform services retired pay. The bill would provide a further increase to 45 percent of covered retired pay as of October 1, 2004.

Mr. President, I expect every member of the Senate has received mail from military spouses expressing dismay that they would not be receiving the 55 percent of their husband's retirement

pay as advertised in the Survivor Benefit Plan literature provided by the military. The reason that they do not receive the 55 percent of retired pay is that current law mandates that at age 62 this amount be reduced either by the amount of the Survivors Social Security benefit or to 35 percent of the SBP. This law is especially irksome to those retirees who joined the plan when it was first offered in 1972. These service members were never informed of the age-62 reduction until they had made an irrevocable decision to participate. Many retirees and their spouses, as the constituent mail attests, believed their premium payments would guarantee 55 percent of retired pay for the life of the survivor. It is not hard to imagine the shock and financial disadvantage these men and women who so loyally served the Nation in troubled spots throughout the world undergo when they learn of the annuity reduction.

Mr. President, uniformed services retirees pay too much for the available SBP benefit both, compared to what we promised and what we offer other federal retirees. When the Survivor Benefit Plan was enacted in 1972, the Congress intended that the government would pay 40 percent of the cost to parallel the government subsidy of the Federal civilian survivor benefit plan. That was short-lived. Over time, the government's cost sharing has declined to about 26 percent. In other words, the retiree's premiums now cover 74 percent of expected long-term program costs versus the intended 60 percent. Contrast this with the federal civilian SBP, which has a 42 percent subsidy for those personnel under the Federal Employees Retirement System and a 50 percent subsidy for those under the Civil Service Retirement System. Further, Federal civilian survivors receive 50 percent of retired pay with no offset at age 62. Although Federal civilian premiums are 10 percent retired pay compared to 6.5 percent for military retirees, the difference in the percent of contribution is offset by the fact that our service personnel retire at a much younger age than the civil servant and, therefore pay premiums much longer than the federal civilian retiree.

Mr. President, two years ago, with the significant support from the Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I was successful in gaining approval from the Congress in enacting the Survivor Benefit Plan benefits for the so-called Forgotten Widows. This is the second step toward correcting the Survivors Benefit Plan and providing the surviving spouses of our military personnel earned and paid for benefits. I urge that the Senate act promptly on this bill.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: