learn, are provided with challenging courses, and are encouraged to develop and pursue long-term educational and career goals.

Fourth, in response to clear evidence that standards-based reforms work best when States have strong accountability systems in place, my proposal would encourage each State to establish a single, rigorous accountability system for all schools. The bill also would require States to end social promotion and traditional retention practices; phase out the use of teachers with emergency certificates and the practice of assigning teachers “out-of-field”; and implement sound discipline policies in every school. Finally, the bill would give parents an important new accountability tool by requiring State, district, and school-level report cards that will help them evaluate the quality of the schools their children attend.

Based on high standards for all students, high-quality professional development for teachers, safe and disciplined learning environments, and accountability to parents and taxpayers, the Educational Excellence for All Children Act of 1999 provides a solid foundation for raising student achievement and narrowing the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. More important, it will help prepare all of our children, and thus the Nation, for the challenges of the 21st century. I urge the Congress to take prompt and favorable action on this proposal.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.


NOTICE ON AMENDED MINES PROTOCOL—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, together with its Technical Annex, adopted by the Senate of the United States on May 20, 1999, I hereby certify that:

In connection with Condition (1)(B), Pursuit Deterrent Munition, the Pursuit Deterrent Munition shall continue to be employed by the United States Armed Forces at least until January 1, 2003, unless an effective alternative to the munition becomes available.

In connection with Condition (6), Land Mine Alternatives, in pursuing alternatives to United States anti-personnel mines or mixed anti-tank systems, I will not limit the types of alternatives to be considered on the basis of any criteria other than those specified in the sentence that follows. In pursuing alternatives to United States anti-personnel mines, or mixed anti-tank systems, the United States shall seek to identify, adapt, modify, or otherwise develop only those technologies that (i) are intended to provide military effectiveness equivalent to that provided by the relevant anti-personnel mine, or mixed anti-tank system; and (ii) would be affordable.

In connection with Condition (7), Certification with regard to International Tribunals, with respect to the Amended Mines Protocol, the Convention on Conventional Weapons, or any future protocol or amendment thereto, the United States shall not recognize the jurisdiction of any international tribunal over the United States or any of its citizens.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.


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-3149. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Effectiveness of Occupant Protection Systems and Their Use” dated April 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3150. 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 C Airspace and Revocation of Class C Airspace, Austin Bergstrom International Airport, TX; and Revocation of Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Class C; Delay of Effective Date; Docket No. FAA–A4–98–39 (RIN 2115–AA46)” (1999–0070), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3151. 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; Port of New York/ New Jersey Fleet Week (CGDO01–98–170)” (RIN2115–AA97) (1999–0017), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3152. 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 ten rules relative to Geographic Regulations (82); Amdt. No. 1928” (1999–0022), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3153. A communication from the Aeronautical Information Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (30); Amdt. No. 1929” (RIN2120–AA66), received May 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Aeronautical Information Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (42); Amdt. No. 1929” (RIN2120–AA66), received May 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; 1999 Management Measures” (RIN0648–AA26) (1999–0056), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
EC–3156. A communication from the Deputy Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 23, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3157. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3158. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal regulations concerning the possession of King Crab by vessels insid” (RIN0648–AM10), received May 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3159. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received May 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3160. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3161. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3162. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3163. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3164. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3165. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3166. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska: Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3167. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3168. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackrell in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3169. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackrell in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands”, received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3170. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3171. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3172. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Catfish in the United States—Announcement That the Scup Commercial Quota Has Been Harvested for the Winter I Period”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3173. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Gulf of Alaska”, received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3174. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Light Truck Fuel Economy Standards for Model Year 2001” (RIN2127–AH19), received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3175. A communication from the Attorneys Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Bumper Safety Standards” (RIN2127–AH19), received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3176. A communication from the Attorneys Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Test Device Placement” (RIN2127–AF40), received April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3177. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Commerce Department, Consumer and Economic Affairs, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunication Act of 1996” (CC Docket No. 96–98; 3rd Order on Reconsideration and Further NPRM), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–3180. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Commerce Department, Consumer and Economic Affairs, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “End User Equipment Regulations Relating to Initial Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services” (CC Docket No. 95–20), received April 14, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–3181. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service,
EC-3184. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed exporting entity Director of Central Intelligence for Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3185. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Pakistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3186. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed export license with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3188. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3189. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Manual for Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System Reporting and Data Management” (DOE STD 1063–97), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3190. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishing and Maintaining a Facility Representative Program at DOE Facilities” (DOE STD 1063–97), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3191. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Integration of Environment, Safety and Health into Facility Disposition Activities” (DOE OEO–121622–98), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3192. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Complaint Procedures” (Docket No. RM98–13–000), received May 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3193. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers” (OGI–121622–99), received May 10, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3194. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3195. A communication from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Scheduling for Rating Disabilities; Diseases of the Ear and other Sense Organs” (RIN2600–AF22), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3196. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3197. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Uranium Industry Annual 1998”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3198. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Emergency McGregor Plant” (DOE OEO–121622–98), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3199. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Sutures” (Phthalocyaninato (2–) Zinc (II)), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3200. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Field Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal-CNMI Initiative on Labor Immigration, and Law Enforcement, dated April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3201. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers” (OGI–121622–99), received May 14, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3202. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers” (OGI–121622–99), received May 18, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3203. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Resources for Valuing Benefits”, received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3204. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1999”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3205. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers”, received May 11, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3206. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Sutures” (Phthalocyaninato (2–) Zinc (II)), received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3207. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Resources for Valuing Benefits”, received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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EC-3216. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Resources for Valuing Benefits”, received May 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
The document contains a variety of notices and reports related to various federal agencies and laws. These typically include discussions of regulations, reports of rules, and communications from different government bodies. The notices often pertain to specific sectors such as commerce, housing, transportation, and marine affairs. The specific content includes references to rules and reports from agencies like the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of Commerce, and the Office of Sustainable Fisheries.

For instance, there is a notice about the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs discussing a report relative to a transaction involving federally insured credit unions. Another notice is from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation about the implementation of the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (CGD–07–068). A communication from the Secretary for Export Administration discusses regulations involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea.

The content is detailed and technical, typical of legislative notices, often involving complex legal and regulatory language. The notices and reports are important for understanding the legislative and regulatory framework within which these sectors operate.
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May 24, 1999

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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