

## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Kosciuszko Foundation—the American Center for Polish Culture—in honor of the Foundation celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

As the oldest not-for-profit institution in the United States which maintains cultural and educational exchanges between the U.S. and Poland, the Kosciuszko Foundation organizes academic, scholarly and scientific exchanges, and fellowships and grants for Polish scholars.

The Foundation also supports efforts to further business and economic education in Poland, and it also funds valuable programs to prepare Poland's political and social leaders for the country's new democratic system.

I commend the Kosciuszko Foundation for promoting Polish education and culture, and for its years of dedicated service to the Polish and Polish-American community. Many thanks also must go to the dedicated folks at the foundation for maintaining the vital Polish culture. •

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S BIENNIAL REPORT ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM99

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I herewith transmit the Department of Transportation's Biennial Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for Calendar Years 1996-1997. The report has been prepared in accordance with the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5121(e).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 5, 2000.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

H.R. 3903. An act to deem the vessel M/V *Mist Cove* to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 758. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2418. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## 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-8336. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Projects with Industry (Evaluation Standards and Compliance Indicators)" (RIN1820-AB45), received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8337. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Federal Perkins Loan Program", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8338. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8339. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8340. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2000 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8341. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Trade Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formal Interpretation 17, Pursuant to Section 803.30 of the Premerger Notification Rules, 16 CFR Section 803.30, Regarding Filing Obligations for Certain Acquisitions Involving Banking and Non-Banking Businesses under the (c)(7) and (c)(8) Exemptions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act as Amended by the Gram-Leach-Bliley Act", received April 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8342. 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 "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Delay of Effectiveness", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8343. 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 "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8344. 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 "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes B Season Pollock Fishery within the Shelikof Strait Conservation Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8345. 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; Fort Lauderdale, FL (COTP Miami 00-030)" (RIN2115-AA97) (2000-0006), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8346. 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 "Drawbridge Regulations; Norwalk River, CT (CGD01-00-014)" (RIN2115-AE87) (2000-0017), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8347. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Elaine, AR; Ringgold, LA; Hays, KS" (MM Docket No. 99-280; RM-9672; MM Docket No. 99-281, RM-9684; MM Docket No. 99-283, RM-9711), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8348. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Easton, Merced and North Fork, CA" (MM Docket No. 99-181; RM-9584; RM-9700), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8349. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Littlefield, Wolforth and Tahoka, TX" (MM Docket No. 95-83; RM-8634), received March 30, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.