

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 503. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1885. An act to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, 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-2230. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Audio Service Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "An Inquiry Into the Commission's Policies and Rules Regarding AM Radio Service Directional Antenna Performance Verification" (Doc. No. 93-177) received May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2231. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (McCook, Alliance, Imperial, NE; Limon, Parker, Aspen, Avon, Westcliffe, CO)" (Doc. No. 00-6) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2232. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (McKinleyville, California)" (Doc. No. 00-216) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2233. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Royston and Arcade, Georgia)" (Doc. No. 00-165) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2234. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Young Harris, Georgia)" (Doc. No. 01-35) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2235. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Willow Creek, CA)" (Doc. No. 01-4) received on May 31, 2001; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2236. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Charleroi and Duquesne, Pennsylvania)" (Doc. No. 00-42) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2237. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Patterson, Georgia)" (Doc. No. 01-26) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2238. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Alexandria, Sauk Centre, MN)" (Doc. No. 00-250) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2239. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Laurie, Missouri)" (Doc. No. 97-86) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2240. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 (Paradise, MI and Lynchburg, TN)" (Doc. Nos. 00-194; 00-196) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2241. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations (Bozeman, MT)" (Doc. No. 01-30) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2242. A communication from the Acting Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Implementation of the Fastener Quality Act" (RIN0693-AB47) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2243. A communication from the Acting 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 of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Improve Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-AK50) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2244. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Brake Testing Procedures" (RIN2127-AH64) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2245. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Hydraulics Systems Airworthiness Standards To Harmonize with European Airworthiness Standards for Transport Category Airplanes" (RIN2120-AF79)(2001-0001) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2246. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Landing Gear Shock Absorption Test Requirements" (RIN2120-AG72) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2247. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interior Trunk Release" (RIN2127-AH83) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2248. A communication from the Trial Attorney of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Power Brake Regulations: Freight Power Brake Revisions—Delay of Compliance Date" (RIN2130-AB16)(2001-0003) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2249. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High-Theft Lines for Model Year 2001" (RIN2127-AH78) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2250. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Staff Office for Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Horseshoe Crab Fishery; Closed Area" (RIN0648-AO02) received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2251. A communication from the Acting Director of the National Institute of Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program; Operating Procedures" (RIN0693-ZA39) received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2252. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report Regarding Atlantic Highly Migratory Species for 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2253. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priorities and Allocations" (48 CFR Part 1811) received on June 1,

2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2254. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the United States Olympic Committee, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Four Year Report for the period 1997-2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2255. A communication from the Deputy Director, Enforcement Policy, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Certain Contracts; Rescission of Regulations Pursuant to Executive Order 13204" received on June 4, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2256. A communication from the Army Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report on the Use of Employees of Non-Federal Entities to Provide Services to the Department of the Army" (RIN0702-AA33) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2257. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2258. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2001-2002 Marketing Year" (Doc. No. FV01-985-1 FR) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2259. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-932-1 FIR) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2260. A communication from the Mayor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Request Act"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2261. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Office of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2262. 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 Definition of Compensation to Reflect 132(f) Salary Reduction" (Notice 2001-37) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2263. 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 "Captive Insurance Companies" (Rev. Rul. 2001-31) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2264. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reconsideration of Rev. Rul. 73-236" (Rev. Rul. 2001-29, -26) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2265. 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 "Fivolous Filing Position Based on Section 861" (Notice 2001-40) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2266. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Emergency Episode Avoidance Plan and Cascade County Open Burning Rule" (FRL6991-1) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2267. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL6990-1) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2268. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL6991-7) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2269. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio" (FRL6991-9) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2270. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Filter Backwash Recycling Rule" (FRL6989-5) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2271. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL6994-4) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2272. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6990-9) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2273. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units for Which Construction is Commenced After September 18, 1978; Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units" (FRL6995-2) received on June 6, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2274. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administra-

tive Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: San Juan Harbor, San Juan, Puerto Rico" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2000-0008)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2275. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; South Carolina Aquarium Grand Opening Fireworks Display, Charleston Harbor, Charleston, SC" ((RIN2115-AE46)(2001-0010)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2276. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; IB 909 Barge Conducting Outfall Pipe Construction in Massachusetts Bay" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2000-0053)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2277. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Navy Pier, Lake Michigan, Chicago Harbor, IL" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2000-0055)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2278. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Oil Spill Cleanup Zone, Middletown, Rhode Island" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2001-0015)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2279. A communication from the Chief of the Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway, Miami, Dade County, FL" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2001-0045)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2280. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flight Crewmember Flight Time Limitations and Rest Requirements; Notice of Enforcement Policy; Correction" ((RIN2120-ZZ35)(2001-0002)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2281. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eagle Aircraft Pty. Lrd. Model 150B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0235)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2282. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives:

Boeing Model 767-200, 300, 300F Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0236)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2283. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-200 and 3 Series Airplanes Equipped with Cargo Doors Installed in Accordance with STC SA 29969A0" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0234)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2284. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Honeywell KC 225 Automatic Flight Control System; Request for Comments" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0233)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2285. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: GE Engines CJ610 Series Turbojet and CF700 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0232)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2286. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolladen Schneider Flugzeugbau GmbH Models LS 3, LS 4, LS 6c Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0231)) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Television Broadcasting" (Doc. No. 91-221, 87-8) received on June 5, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-77. A resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway, New York relative to Project Impact; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-78. A joint resolution adopted by the Town Council and School Committee of Kittery, Maine relative to the education of children with disabilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Prosser, Washington relative to energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of Hollywood, Florida relative to Beach Erosion Control Projects; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-81. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Brook Park, Ohio relative to the Steel Industry; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-82. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Whereas, the original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when he wrote, "Whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings over the left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth of silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry, but also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with a due reward"; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first award given to a common soldier; a Purple Heart is an eloquent and forceful symbol of each man and woman who has stepped forward in a time of national crisis to defend the values of the United States; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

Whereas, an effort is currently underway to petition the United States Postal Service to authorize the issuance of an official United States postal stamp displaying the image of the Purple Heart medal; and

Whereas, in recent years, the United States Postal Service has issued stamps honoring comic strips, movie monsters, and cartoon characters but has opted not to issue a Purple Heart stamp honoring American soldiers wounded in battle; and

Whereas, the Purple Heart stamp would serve as a permanent and long-overdue honor for the one million eight hundred thousand recipients of the Purple Heart, half of whom are still alive today, and to remind the nation of the monumental sacrifices veterans have made in the service and defense of the United States of America. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to take appropriate steps to cause the United States Postal Service to issue a Purple Heart stamp to recognize the tremendous valor and fortitude displayed by wounded soldiers and to express the enduring appreciation of the citizens of the United States of America for the sacrifices that members of the armed forces have made in the name of freedom. Be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the President of the United States Senate; James Tolbert, Jr., Executive Director of Stamp Services for the United States Postal Service; and The Honorable William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Postal Service.

POM-83. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act was approved in a bipartisan effort by three hundred ninety-one members of the United States House of

Representatives in the 106th Congress, including every member of the Louisiana delegation; and

Whereas, more than eighty United States senators, including both Louisiana senators, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000, but despite strong support for the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2000, the legislation did not become law as the Senate did not vote on it before adjournment; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001, authored by Don Young, Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, provides for the modernization of the railroad retirement system for its seven hundred forty-eight thousand beneficiaries nationwide, including nine thousand four hundred people in Louisiana; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001 would provide tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines; and

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001 would provide benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers, who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivor's Improvement Act of 2001. Be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted to President George W. Bush, the president of the United States Senate, the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-84. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to natural gas and liquids pipeline operations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, the nation's natural gas and liquids pipeline facilities provide critical service to all citizens of this nation; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has a vital interest in the integrity and safety of the interstate natural gas and liquids pipelines within the state; and

Whereas, recent incidents of pipeline leaks and ruptures have led to heightened concern for the health and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana; and

Whereas, these incidents have led to intense discussion about the reliability of the natural gas supply and prevention, mitigation, and response to pipeline incidents; and

Whereas, enhancements to federal pipeline safety requirements can translate into enhanced safety requirements for state-regulated facilities within the state of Louisiana. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to support federal legislation to strengthen the rules regarding the safety of