

Karen was also devoted to her family. She was married to David Shapira for 41 years and raised three children, Laura Karet, Debbie, and Jeremy. Karen leaves behind a wonderful family, and a legacy of community service and outreach. My thoughts and prayers are with the Shapira family in the days and months ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN CELEBRATION OF SHERIFF MARK TRACY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Santa Cruz County Sheriff Mark Tracy, who retired after 32 years of dedicated service.

Sheriff Tracy is a Santa Cruz County native who was educated in the county's public schools. In 1972, he received his bachelor of science degree in criminology from California State University at Fresno. Upon receiving his degree, Sheriff Tracy immediately returned to his home in Santa Cruz County, where he began his law enforcement career with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Tracy has held many positions within the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. As a deputy, he worked in the Patrol Division, the Coroner's Unit, and the Detention Bureau. He quickly rose through the ranks, and was soon promoted to sergeant, and then to lieutenant. In those positions, Sheriff Tracy managed the Street Narcotics and Gang units, served as the watch commander of the county jail, and supervised deputies in the Patrol Division, among other duties. Because of his expertise, Sheriff Tracy also served as the coordinator of the Search and Rescue Team, was a founding member of the Hostage Negotiating Team, and was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Roundtree Medium Security Detention Facility. In 1994, Sheriff Tracy was overwhelmingly elected by the residents of Santa Cruz County to serve as the sheriff-coroner. In 2002, he was successfully reelected, and served in the capacity of sheriff-coroner until his retirement in December 2004.

Among his many accomplishments, Sheriff Tracy has also served as chair of the Santa Cruz County Criminal Justice Council and the Santa Cruz County Commission on Domestic Violence. He has been an active member of the California State Sheriffs' Association and the California State Coroners' Association. Sheriff Tracy has worked tirelessly with local elected officials, schools, and community organizations to foster a strong sense of community in Santa Cruz County. I have collaborated with Sheriff Tracy in the past, and I can attest to his commitment to the community he served.

Sheriff Tracy's service to the State of California and dedication to public safety is inspiring. I am confident that, even in retirement, Sheriff Tracy will continue to touch lives with his good will and compassion.●

LOYOLA SACRED HEART SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from my beautiful state of Montana. On January 29, 2005 the Loyola Sacred Heart High School speech and debate team won its 22nd state championship in a row for Class B competition. This victory extends the longest series of state championships ever in Montana.

Early on a crisp Saturday morning, while other kids their age were sleeping, students from 72 high schools from every corner of Montana met in Corvallis to compete in the A-B-C State Tournament. They competed in 7 speech events—Memorized Public Address, Original Oratory, Expository Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Serious Oral Interpretation of Literature, and Humorous Oral Interpretation of Literature—and 2 debate events—Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

This year, Loyola earned its 22nd consecutive state title by a margin of 80 points. Two students, Sarah Stergios and Rebecca Natelson were individual State champions, and they were well supported by 13 other individual medalists. Such success is not a new thing for Head Coach Matt Stergios, who has been with the team since 1981, when the team had only four members.

Since that time, over one thousand students have competed for the team; in fact, in 2004, one out of four students at Loyola competed at one or more tournaments. The team has generated 31 individual state champions, and over 200 medalists. Since the streak began, Loyola has won over 200 individual tournament titles. The building that the students attend classes in is not large enough to hold all of the trophies, so some of them have to be stored next door.

But Loyola Sacred Heart High School is not just known for its speech and debate team. While I was in the Marines I learned that it's important to hone the mind as well as the body. Well, every year, students from Loyola rank at the top of the state in test scores. Ninety percent of students who graduate from Loyola go to college. On Advanced Placement exams Loyola students score 25 percent higher than the national average. Loyola boasts 13 Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Awards, and a Senate Page. And Loyola is as successful with feats of the body as it is with feats of the mind. The boys cross country team has won six straight State titles, and the girls

cross country team has won state titles in the last 2 years. The Loyola Fighting Ram football team made state quarterfinals this year, and both the girls basketball and volleyball teams won their Division. The girls track team was second in the State last year after both the boys and girls teams swept District and Divisional competition. Two years ago, the girls softball team won the state title and placed fourth this year. Now all of this is already quite impressive. But it's even more amazing considering that Loyola Sacred Heart High School has only about 200 students.

I congratulate Loyola Sacred Heart High School for their 22nd consecutive State title in speech and debate.

Loyola Sacred Heart Speech and Debate 38-person Divisional and State Team Roster: Frankie Barnhill, Loren Barstad, Adam Benson, Adam Bigelow, Brian Bobowiec, Nick Corn, Karra Cuplin, Paul Dalapiazza, Miles Dauterive, Jason Devoe, Liz Diehl, Ryne Dougherty, Brian Doyle, Sambath Eat, Ben Eddy, Matt Eddy, John Eikens, Dan Evans, Brian Geer, Tyler Grutsch, Megan Hess-Homier, Julie Hurd, Ben Kappelman, Tricia Karsky, Katie Lawhorn, Matt Lovejoy, Abby Mayer, Keith Miller, Cory Monroe, Rebecca Natelson, Dan O'Brien, Joe Sanders, Nadia Selim, Paul Stergios, Sarah Stergios, Will Taylor, Lauren Titchbourne, Caroline Wade

Head Coach: Matthew Stergios

Assistant Coaches: Frank Grady, Sarah Jennings, Dave Klein, Theresa Stergios.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-502. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-503. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, received on January 24, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-504. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Outlook for 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-505. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Federal government energy management and conservation programs for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-506. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report on fleet alternative fueled vehicle acquisition report for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-507. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual list of Governmental activities not inherently governmental in nature; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-508. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 competitive sourcing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emergency Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of an additional Manatee Protection Area in Lee County, Florida" (RIN1018-AT65) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-510. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-511. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit Revocation Regulations" (RIN1018-AT64) received on December 31, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-512. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Colorado Butterfly Plant; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AJ07) received on January 13, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-513. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Mariana Fruit Bat (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) Reclassification from Endangered to Threatened in the Territory of Guam and Listing as Threatened in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" (RIN1018-AH55) received on January 3, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-514. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 02-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-515. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 01-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-516. A communication from the Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts during Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-517. A communication from the Acting Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of re-

cent and ongoing research for the period 2002-2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-518. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-519. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery G.I. Bill—Active Duty" (RIN2900-AM08) received on January 5, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-520. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Centralized Offset of Federal Payments to Collect Nontax Debts Owed to the United States" (RIN1510-AA65) received on January 15, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-521. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Transactions Involving the Use of a Loan Assumption Agreement to Claim and Inflated Basis in Assets Acquired from Another Party" (UIL9300.19-00) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-522. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Elimination of Forms of Distribution in Defined Contribution Plans" (RIN1545-BC35) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-523. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Check-the-Box Disclosure Authority" (Ann. 2005-6) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-524. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Like-kind Exchange of a Principal Residence" (Rev. Proc. 2005-14) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-525. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Income Attributable to Domestic Production Activities" (Notice 2005-14) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-526. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Securities Exchanges under Section 367(a)" (Notice 2005-6) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-527. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004" (Notice 2005-9) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-528. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantial Understatement of Income Tax Liability" (RIN1545-BD75) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-529. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issues: National Principal Contracts" (UILN9300.20-00) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-530. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest Suspension Applicability to Amend Returns" (Rev. Rul. 2005-4) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-531. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Relief for Like-Kind Exchanges for Which Deadlines May Be Postponed Under 7508 and 7508A of the Internal Revenue Code" (Notice 2005-3) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-532. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Returns Required on Magnetic Media" (RIN1545-BE19) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-533. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Reinvestment Plans and Other Guidance Under Section 965" (Notice 2005-10) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-534. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "January-March 2005 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2005-4) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-535. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the health care fraud and abuse control program for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-536. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the effects of allowing high deductible insurance plans combined with tax favored Medical Savings Accounts under Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-537. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-602, "Citizens with Mental Retardation Substituted Consent for Health Care Decisions Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-538. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 16-603, "Debarment Procedures Temporary Amendment Act of 2004";

to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report on the continued compliance of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan with the Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-540. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Committee, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the feasibility and advisability of allowing Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries to have "direct access" to outpatient physical therapy services and comprehensive rehabilitation facility services; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-541. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on benefit design and cost sharing in Medicare Advantage Plans; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-542. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on practice expense relative values for physicians in the specialties of thoracic and cardiac surgery to determine whether such values adequately take into account the attendant costs that such physicians incur in providing clinical staff for patient care in hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-543. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the feasibility and advisability of paying certified registered nurse first assistants separately under Medicare for first assistant at surgery services; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-544. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Centralized Offset of Federal Payments to Collect Nontax Debts Owed to the United States" (RIN1510-AA65); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-545. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-610, "District of Columbia Government Purchase Card Program Reporting Requirements Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-546. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-611, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 2674 S. O. 01-2426, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-547. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-632, "Business Improvement Districts and Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Clarification Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-548. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-631, "Freedom of Information Legislative Records Clarification Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-549. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-636, "District of Columbia Housing Authority Revitalization Projects Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-550. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-635, "Producer Summary Suspension Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-551. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-634, "Felony Sexual Assault Statute of Limitations Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-552. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-638, "Captive Insurance Company Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-553. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-637, "Omnibus Juvenile Justice Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-554. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-633, "Ceremonial Funds Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-608, "Extension of Time to Dispose of Property for Golden Rule Development Project Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-607, "Rehabilitation Services Program Establishment Temporary Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-606, "District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-605, "Towing Regulation and Enforcement Authority Temporary Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-604, "Parking Meter Fee Moratorium Temporary Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-560. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-612, "Approval of Starpower Communications, LLC's Open Video System Franchise Act of 2004"; to the

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-561. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-600, "Closing of a Portion of the Intersection of Minnesota Avenue and East Capitol Street, N.E., S .O. 02-3743, Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-562. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-599, "Documents Administrative Cost Assessment Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-563. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-601, "Unemployment Compensation Additional Funds Appropriation Authorization Temporary Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-564. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-597, "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Parade and Fund Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-565. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of D.C. Act 15-598, "Television Production Studios and Equipment Use Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-566. A communication from the Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for the calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-567. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-568. A communication from the Deputy Chief Acquisition Officer, General Service Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-26" (FAC2001-26) received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-569. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, information on the report on support for child care services and youth program services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-570. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the closure of the commissary located at Camp Howze, Korea; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-571. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification to study the military space operations function performed by the military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy, for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-572. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on entitlement transfers to basic educational assistance to eligible dependents under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-573. A communication from the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, Marine Corps, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the decision to convert the Real Property Management and Grounds Maintenance functions at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to contractor performance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-574. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to section 127a of title 10, designating participation in and support of Operation Unified Assistance (Tsunami Disaster Relief) as an operation expected to exceed \$50,000,000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-575. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-576. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, revisions to the National Defense Stockpile Annual Materials Plan for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-577. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the approval to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-578. A communication from Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, a report on the ecosystem restoration feasibility of Upper Newport Bay, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-579. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Privacy and Freedom of Information" (DFARS 2003-D038) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-580. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources" (DFARS 2003-D045) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-581. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Research and Development Contracting Procedures" (DFARS 2003-D058) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-582. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contracting for Architect-Engineer Services" (DFARS 2003-D105) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-583. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Leader Company Contracting" (DFARS 2003-D092) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-584. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Improper Business Practices and Contractor Qualifications Relating to Disbarment, Suspension, and Business Ethics" (DFARS 2003-D012) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-585. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contract Period for Task and Delivery Order Contracts" (DFARS 2003-D097) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-586. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program" (DFARS 2003-D013) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-587. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Free trade Agreements—Chile and Singapore" (DFARS 2003-D088) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-588. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Firefighting Services Contracts" (DFARS 2003-D107) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-589. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Construction and Architect-Engineer Services" (DFARS 2003-D035) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-590. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competition Requirements" (DFARS 2003-D017) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-591. A communication from the General Counsel, Selective Service System, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Director of the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-592. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-593. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the closure of the defense commissary store at Camp Page, South Korea by the end of March 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-594. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness,

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the approval to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-595. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning internal management control and financial management control systems; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-596. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contributions and Donations by Minors" received on February 1, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-597. A communication from the Coordinator, Forms Committee, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report of Receipts and Disbursement for Other than an Authorized Committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-598. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Written Assurance of Technical Data Conformity" (DFARS 2003-D104) received on November 15, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service of acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-601. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel of the Department of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-603. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary of the Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 5. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.