

the Smithsonian Institution; Mr. REGULA of Ohio, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. BECERRA of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives as Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. HERGER of California, Mr. RANGEL of New York, and Mr. CARDIN of Maryland.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 62. An act to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 126. An act to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 186. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 412. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 486. An act to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 584. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 680. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 694. An act to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah Geechee cultural heritage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 816. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of National Forest System land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1134. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments; to the Committee on Finance.

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-1276. 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 2005-26) received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1277. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a biennial report relative to the Physician Group Practice demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1278. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Transition Assessments" (RIN0560-AH31) received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1279. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (APHIS Docket No. 02-096-4) received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1280. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy; Minimal-Risk Regions and Importation of Commodities: Partial Delay of Applicability" (RIN0579-AB73) received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1281. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1282. A communication from the Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, a report entitled "21st Century Challenges: Reexamining the Base of the Federal Government"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1283. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of transactions involving exports to Chile; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1284. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans to Members and Lines of Credit to Members" (12 C.F.R. Part 701) received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1285. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning and Review), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Chief of Engineers on Dal-

las Floodway Extension, Trinity River Basin, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1286. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1287. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1288. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an Average Procurement Unit Cost (APUC) breach; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1289. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1290. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1291. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules and Explanation and Justification on Political Party Committees Donating Funds to Certain Tax-Exempt Organizations and Political Organizations" received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1292. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Documents by Priority Mail, Express Mail, and Overnight Delivery Service" received on March 14, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1293. A communication from the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, the report of the Office's objection to the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) finding of violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*John Thomas Schieffer, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Japan.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: John Thomas Schieffer.

Post: Ambassador to Japan.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$1,000.00, 8/2/00, Martin Frost Campaign Committee; \$2,000.00, 6/14/04, Bush-Cheney '04 Inc.
2. Spouse: Susanne S. Schieffer: \$2,000.00, 6/14/04, Bush-Cheney '04 Inc.
3. Children and Spouses: Paul Robert Schieffer: none.
4. Parents: Gladys Payne Schieffer—deceased; John E. Schieffer—deceased.