

2989. A letter from the President, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1991, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e); to the Committee on Government Operations.

2990. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1991, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Operations.

2991. A letter from the U.S. Attorney General, transmitting notification of a delay in the effective date of the notice-related provisions contained in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e)(1) of section 2428 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 12528); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2992. A letter from the Acting Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report on the relative cost of construction or reconditioning of comparable ocean vessels in shipyards in the various coastal districts of the United States, together with recommendation as to how shipyards may compete for work on an equalized basis; to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

2993. A letter from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting the Board's report for fiscal year 1991 listing the number of appeals submitted, the number processed to completion, and the number not completed by the originally announced date, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7701(i)(2); to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

2994. A letter from the Chairman, Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, transmitting the annual report of the activities of the Goldwater Foundation, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4711; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

2995. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "Comprehensive Child Welfare Services Amendments of 1992" to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2996. A letter from the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting modifications to the Secretary's September 30, 1991, determination of the agricultural commodities and quantities programming during fiscal year 1992; jointly, to the Committees on Agriculture and Foreign Affairs.

2997. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting notification of his determination that Israel is not being denied its right to participate in the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to Public Law 99-88, chapter V (99 Stat. 323); Public Law 100-461, title I (102 Stat. 2268-3); jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs.

2998. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of waiver and justification by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 502 of Public Law 102-140; jointly, to the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Affairs.

2999. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the 11th report on U.S. costs in the Persian Gulf conflict and foreign contributions to offset such costs, pursuant to Public Law 102-25, section 401 (105 Stat. 99); jointly, to the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs.

3000. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, Department of Energy, transmitting notice that the report detailing the expenditure of fiscal year 1991 Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Funds will be delayed until June 10, 1992, pursuant to Public Law 101-189, section

3141(c)(1), (2) (103 Stat. 1680); jointly, to the Committees on Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, and Appropriations.

#### ¶21.3 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 343. Joint resolution to designate March 12, 1992, as "Girl Scouts of the United States of America 80th Anniversary Day";

H.J. Res. 350. Joint resolution designating March 1992 as "Irish-American Heritage Month"; and

H.J. Res. 395. Joint resolution designating February 6, 1992, as "National Women and Girls in Sports Day".

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 414. Joint resolution regarding the San Antonio Drug Summit.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 479. An Act to encourage innovation and productivity, stimulate trade, and promote the competitiveness and technological leadership of the United States;

S.J. Res. 139. Joint resolution to designate October 1992 as "National Lock-in-Safety Month";

S.J. Res. 214. Joint resolution to designate May 16, 1992, through May 22, 1992, as "National Awareness Week for Life-Saving Techniques";

S.J. Res. 218. Joint resolution designating the calendar year, 1993, as the "Year of American Craft: A Celebration of the Creative Work of the Hand";

S.J. Res. 233. Joint resolution to designate the week beginning April 12, 1992, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week";

S.J. Res. 240. Joint resolution designating March 25, 1992, as "Greek Independence Day; A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy";

S.J. Res. 244. Joint resolution to recognize and honor the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws on its centennial for its contribution to a strong Federal system of government;

S.J. Res. 246. Joint resolution to designate April 15, 1992, as "National Recycling Day"; and

S.J. Res. 254. Joint resolution commending the New York Stock Exchange on the occasion of its bicentennial.

The message also announced that, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appointed Mr. SPECTER, to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, vice Mr. Heinz.

#### ¶21.4 CANADA-U.S.

##### INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER, pursuant to the provisions of 22 United States Code 276d, appointed as members of the United States delegation to attend the meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group the following Members, on the part of the House:

Messrs. GEJDENSON of Connecticut, chairman, FASCELL of Florida, vice

chairman, HAMILTON of Indiana, DE LA GARZA of Texas, GIBBONS of Florida, OBERSTAR of Minnesota, LAFALCE of New York, BROOMFIELD of Michigan, HORTON of New York, MILLER of Washington, WALSH of New York, and HENRY of Michigan.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate of the foregoing appointments.

#### ¶21.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, laid before the House a communication from the Clerk, which was read as follows:

Hon. THOMAS S. FOLEY,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit three sealed envelope received from the White House at 4:40 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 1992 as follows:

(1) Said to contain H.R. 2212, An Act regarding the extension of most-favored-nation treatment to the products of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes, and a veto message thereon;

(2) Said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits the Annual Report on Hazardous Materials Transportation for calendar year 1990;

(3) Said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Finland on Social Security.

With great respect, I am  
Sincerely yours,

DONNALD K. ANDERSON,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives.*

#### ¶21.6 U.S.-FINLAND SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

The Clerk then read the message from the President, as follows:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to section 233(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Social Security Amendments of 1977 (Public Law 95-216; 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1)), I transmit herewith the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Finland on Social Security, which consists of two separate instruments—a principal agreement and an administrative arrangement. The agreement was signed at Helsinki on June 3, 1991.

The United States-Finland agreement is similar in objective to the social security agreements already in force with Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Such bilateral agreements provide for limited coordination between the United States and foreign social security systems to eliminate dual social security coverage and taxation, and to help prevent the loss of benefit protection that can occur when workers divide their careers between two countries.

I also transmit for the information of the Congress a report prepared by the Department of Health and Human