31st Annual Report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which covers calendar year 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

¶1.43 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—DOE ANNUAL REPORT, 1994-95

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the requirements of section 657 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95–91; 42 U.S.C. 7267), I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Department of Energy, which covers the years 1994 and 1995.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

¶1.44 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A further message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

¶1.45 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DREIER, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit herewith for your immediate consideration and enactment legislation to provide a waiver from certain provisions relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

This draft bill would authorize the President, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Charlene Barshefsky as the United States Trade Representative, notwithstanding any limitations imposed by certain provisions of law. The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 amended the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 regarding the appointment of the United States Trade Representative and the Deputy United States Trade Representatives by imposing certain limitations on their appointment. These limitations only became effective with respect to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative and Deputy United States Trade Representatives on January 1, 1996, and do not apply to individuals who were serving in one of those positions on that date and continue to serve in them. Because Charlene Barshefsky was appointed Deputy United States Trade Representative on May 28, 1993, and has continued to serve in that position since then, the limitations in the Lobbying Disclosure Act, which became effective on January 1, 1996, do not apply to her in her capacity as Deputy United States Trade Representative and it is appropriate that they not apply to her if she is appointed to be the United States Trade Representative.

I have today nominated Charlene Barshefsky to be the next United States Trade Representative. She has done an outstanding job as Deputy United States Trade Representative since 1993 and as Acting United States Trade Representative for the last 9 months. I am confident she will make an excellent United States Trade Representative. I urge the Congress to take prompt and favorable action on this legislation.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *January 7, 1997.*

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–22).

¶1.46 COMMUNICATIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive and other communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1995, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504; to the Committee on Agriculture.

2. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Almonds Grown in California; Change in Quality Control Requirements [Docket No. FV96–981–3FIR] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Maine; Termination of Marketing Order No. 950 [Docket No. FV95–950–1FR] received October 14, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146; Changes in Terms and Conditions of Indemnification [Docket No. FV96–998–3 FR] received October 29, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Iowa Marketing Area; Revision of Pool Supply Plant Shipping Percentage [DA–96–11] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Partial Exemption from the Handling Regulation for Single Layer and Two Layer Place Packed Tomatoes [Docket No. FV96–966–2 IFR] received October 30, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

7. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Relaxation of Pack and Marking Requirements [Docket No. FV96–958–3 FIR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–989–3 IFR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV96–927–2 FIR] received October 9, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the Eastern Colorado Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA–96–13] received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Olives Grown in California and Imported Olives; Establishment of Limited-Use Olive Grade and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96–932–3 FIR] received October 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

12. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Kiwifruit Grown in California; Reduction of Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV96–920–3 IFR] received October 19, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

13. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Regulations Issued Under the Export Grape and Plum Act; Exemption from Size Regulations for Black Corinth Grapes [Docket No. FV96–35–1 IFR] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

14. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (Inspection, Certification, and Standards) [Docket No. FV–95–306] received October 16, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

15. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons Not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts [Docket No. FV96–998–2 FIR] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

16. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Revision of Pack and Size Requirements [Docket No. FV96–906–3 FIR] received November 25, 1996, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

17. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV96–987–1 FIR] received November 21, 1996,