and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Befenthrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6034-9) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7340. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyproconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6036-9) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7341. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6036-8) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7342. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6036-1) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7343. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Imidacloprid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL6037-2) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7344. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyridate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6036-2) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7345. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6034-1) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7346. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Body Armor Penalty Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7347. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the base operating support functions at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7348. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of General Accounting Office reports issued or released in August 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7349. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's combined annual reports entitled "Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA)—Impact on the United States" and "Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA)—Impact on the United States" for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7350. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment Adviser Year 2000 Reports" (RIN3235-AH45) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7351. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report entitled "The Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions" for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7352. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; License Limitation Program" (I.D. 060997A3) received on October 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7353. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna" (I.D. 091198C) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7354. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of M88A2 Tracked Armor Recovery Vehicles to Thailand (DTC 99-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7355. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of MK 45 gun mounts to Australia (DTC 113-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7356. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of TOW 2A, TOW 2B, and TOW Practice Missiles to Italy (DTC128-98); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7357. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and services relative to the manufacture of military vehicle wiring harnesses in Mexico (DTC 133-98) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7358. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a proposed license for the export of CH-47D helicopters to Australia (DTC 140-98) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7359. 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 "Veterinary Diagnostic Services User Fees" (Docket 94-115-2) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7360. 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 "Importation of Horses" (Docket 95-054-3) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7361. 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 "Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Mississippi" (Docket 98-097-1) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7362. 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 "Validated Brucellosis-Free States; South Carolina" (Docket 98-101-1) received on October 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1999" (Rept. No. 105-373).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 2041) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–374).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompanying the bill (S. 2140) to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project (Rept. No. 105-375).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 2142) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105–376).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2402) to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States (Rept. No. 105–377).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4079) to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California (Rept. No. 105–378).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 391: A bill to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-379).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1023: A bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes. By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. 2564: An original bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee was submitted on October 6, 1998:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2563. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore military retirement benefits that were reduced by the Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2564. An original bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WAR-NER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2565. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the circumstances in which a substance is considered to be a pesticide chemical for purposes of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKUL-SKI, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2566. A bill to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 2567. A bill to ensure that any entity owned, operated, or controlled by the people's Liberation Army or the People's Armed Police of the People's Republic of China does not conduct certain business with United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualifying placement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. KEMP-THORNE):

S. 2569. A bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2570. A bill entitled the "Long-Term Care Patient Protection Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2571. A bill to reduce errors and increase accuracy and efficiency in the administration of Federal benefit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 2572. A bill to amend the International Maritime Satellite Telecommunications Act to ensure the continuing provision of certain global satellite safety services after the privatization of the business operations of the International Mobile Satellite Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2573. A bill to make spending reductions to save taxpayers money; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 2574. A bill for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 2575. A bill to expand authority for programs to encourage Federal employees to commute by means other than single-occupancy motor vehicles to include an option to pay cash for agency-provided parking spaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. MIKUL-SKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ROCKE-FELLER, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTEN-BERG, Mr. INOUYE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2576. A bill to create a National Museum of Women's History Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 289. A resolution authorizing the printing of the "Testimony from the Hearings of the Task Force on Economic Sanctions"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 290. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to. S. Res. 291. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. McCAIN):

S. 2563. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore military retirement benefits that were reduced by the Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MILITARY RETIREMENT READINESS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, a few weeks ago I called the Senate's attention to several issues in the military that are contributing to problems in recruiting and retention of key, midcareer military personnel. Briefly, those issues were as follows:

We are asking the military, significantly smaller than it was during the cold war, to operate and deploy much more frequently.

We are asking the military to deploy on missions that may not be in the vital national interest of this Nation.

We are not paying servicemen and women a salary that is comparable to the pay they could get outside the military for the same skills.

We are not providing quality health care for the families of the military, and we have not provided the promised health care for the retired members of the military.

We are not providing quality housing to all military families.

And we are not providing a retirement program that is adequate to justify a career commitment to the arduous lifestyle and the difficult family separations that are necessary in military life.

Mr. President, I rise today to offer legislation to address military retirement. The bill that I am introducing repeals the Military Reform Retirement Act of 1986, also known as REDUX. This experiment in the military retirement system was introduced in 1986 with the intended purpose—and it was a good one—of encouraging members of the military to stay longer than the popular career of 20 years.

The service chiefs now say that retirement is one of the top reasons that our men and women are leaving the service. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shelton, listed it among the most pressing problems facing the military in retaining key people. The Secretary of Defense has voiced very similar concerns.

Pay is being addressed slowly, including a 3.6 percent pay raise in this defense appropriations bill.

The Department of Defense is working on housing issues that may solve the problems. Problems with the health care programs are very complex and multilayered and requires detailed study to solve. The issue of the high rate of deployments and the quality of