

parts. They miss the enrichment that just a basic knowledge of the physical world can bring to the most ordinary experiences. It's like there's a pulsating, hidden world, governed by ancient laws and principles, underlying everything around us—from the movements of electrical charges to the motions of the planets—and most people are completely unaware of it.

“To me, that's a shame.”•

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3607. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

At 4:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3614) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3614. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

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-3153. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“Safety Zone; Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC); Seal Island, Maine” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0595)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3154. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Paddle for Clean Water; San Diego; California” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0383)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3155. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; F/V Patriot, Massachusetts Bay, Massachusetts” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0707)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3156. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Festivus, Lower Colorado River, Bullhead City, Arizona” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0454)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3157. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Hornblower Cruises Fleet Week Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, California” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0631)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3158. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Neptune Deep Water Port, Atlantic Ocean, Boston, Massachusetts” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0644)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3159. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Missouri River, Mile 366.3 to 369.8” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0594)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3160. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Mile 427.2 to 427.6, Keithsburg, Illinois” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0646)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3161. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Sea World Labor Day Fireworks, Mission Bay, California” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0269)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3162. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; BWRC ‘300’ Enduro, Lake Moolvalya, Parker, Arizona” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2008-1180)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3163. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation for Marine Events; Choptank River, Cambridge, Maryland” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USG-2009-0749)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3164. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Patapsco River, Northwest Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USG-2009-0251)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3165. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Sabine River, Echo, Texas” ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USG-2009-0101)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3166. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Definition of Marine Debris for Purposes of the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act” ((RIN0648-AV68; RIN1625-AB24) (Docket No. USG-2007-0164)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3167. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Anchorage Regulations; Port of New York and Vicinity” ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USG-2008-0047)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3168. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Shipping; Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments” ((RIN1625-ZA24) (Docket No. USG-2009-0702)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3169. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; McCauley Propeller Systems Propeller Models B5JFR36C1101/114GCA-0, C5JFR36C1102/L114GCA-0, B5JFR36C1103/114HCA-0, and C5JFR36C1104/L114HCA-0” ((RIN2120-AA64) (9-17/9-22/25173/NM-24)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 24, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3170. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to