

implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

S. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution to provide for the counting on January 6, 2017, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives; that Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; that Philip George Kiko of the State of Ohio be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and that Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that PAUL D. RYAN, a Representative of the State of Wisconsin, has been elected Speaker; and that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

The message also announced that pursuant to House Resolution 3, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make: Mr. MCCARTHY of California and Ms. PELOSI of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of today, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. TIBERI of Ohio.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 27. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 28. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to adopt and implement a standard identification protocol for use in the tracking and procurement of biological implants by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-1. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 9954-47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Certification of Pesticide Applicators" (FRL No. 9956-70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Reporting and Notification Requirements and Other Clarifying Changes for Imported Fruits, Vegetables, and Specialty Crops" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0083) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aggregation of Positions" (RIN3038-AD82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Photo Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card Implementation Requirements" (RIN0584-AE45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)" (RIN0584-AE27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9955-45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Forest System Land Management Planning" (RIN0596-AD28) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: New Qualifying Country—Estonia" ((RIN0750-AJ18) (DFARS Case 2017-D001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Contract Financing" ((RIN0750-AI90) (DFARS Case 2015-D026)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children" (RIN0790-AJ33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-12. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-13. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Iran-Related Multilateral Sanctions Regime Efforts" covering the period February 7, 2016 to August 6, 2016; to the Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Finance; and Foreign Relations.

EC-14. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0084) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-15. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-16-0045) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 29, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-16. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of