

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination and a withdrawal which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 204. An act to authorize the use of unapproved medical products by patients diagnosed with a terminal illness in accordance with State law, and for other purposes.

S. 292. An act to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5682. An act to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners with recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.

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. 113. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

At 3:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4743. An act to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Risk Management within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4743. An act to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen the Office of Credit Risk Management within the Small Business Administration, 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-5243. A communication from the Acting Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers and Grantees" (RIN0572-AC33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5244. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clopyralid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9977-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5245. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyrooxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9977-25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5246. 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 "VSTA Records and Reports Specific to International Standards for Pharmacovigilance" (RIN0579-AE11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5247. A communication from the Acting Chief of Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conservation Program Recipient Reporting" (RIN0578-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5248. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5249. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5250. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5251. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, with respect to Burundi; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5252. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5253. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fan Light Kits" (RIN1901-AC87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5254. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Oregon; Regional Haze Progress Report" (FRL No. 9978-16-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5255. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead, 2008 Ozone, 2010 Nitrogen Dioxide, 2010 Sulfur Dioxide, 2011 Carbon Monoxide, 2006 PM10, 2012 PM2.5, 1997 Ozone, and the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9978-24-Region 2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5256. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; California Mobile Source Regulations" (FRL No. 9978-19-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5257. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to California State Implementation Plan; Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Stationary Sources; New Source Review" (FRL No. 9977-24-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5258. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5259. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulations; Tax Check Requirements" (48 CFR Parts 1009 and 1052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 17, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5260. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2018 Updates to the Quality Payment Program; and Quality Payment Program: Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstance Policy for the Transition Year; Corrections" ((RIN0938-AT13) (CMS-5522-F2)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 21, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5261. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan to

support the assembly, disassembly, alignment, test, integration, repair, and maintenance of MTS-A Variants in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-147); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5262. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Algeria and United Kingdom to support the manufacture of the Falcon III tactical radio systems in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 17-070); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5263. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of State 2018 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflationary Adjustment" (RIN1400-AE50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5264. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Hematology and Pathology Devices; Classification of Blood Establishment Computer Software and Accessories" (21 CFR Part 864) (Docket No. FDA-2016-N-0406) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5265. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "System Review Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5266. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5267. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5268. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-320, "Board of Elections Domicile Requirement Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5269. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-336, "Mental Health Information Disclosure Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5270. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-335, "Preservation of Electronic Recordings of Meetings Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5271. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-319, "University of the District of Columbia Leased Property Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5272. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-337, "Address Confidentiality Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5273. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-338, "Limited-Equity Cooperative Task Force Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-339, "TOPA Single-Family Home Exemption Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-340, "Accessible and Transparent Procurement Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-341, "Subrogation Fund Establishment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-342, "Captive Insurance Agency Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-343, "Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Support Clarification Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-344, "Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-345, "Telehealth Medicaid Expansion Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-318, "Rental Unit Fee Adjustment Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5282. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of beta-Hydroxythiofentanyl in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" (Docket No. DEA-484) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5283. 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; Wolf River Chute, Memphis TN" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0313)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5284. 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; Red River, Alexandria, LA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0312)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5285. 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; Clinch River, Oak Ridge, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0096)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5286. 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; Clinch River, Oak Ridge, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0143)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5287. 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; Black Warrior River, Tuscaloosa, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5288. 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; Pensacola Bay, Pensacola, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0103)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5289. 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; Sector Ohio Valley Annual and Recurring Special Local Regulations Update" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0064)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5290. 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; Cocos Lagoon, Merizo, GU" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0290)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5291. 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; Ohio River mile marker 27.8 to mile marker 28.2, Vanport, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0422)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5292. 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; Ohio River, Cincinnati, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0291)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5293. 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; Tennessee River, Huntsville, AL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5294. 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; Pensacola Bay, Pensacola, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0086)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5295. 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; Santa Rosa Sound, Pensacola Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0061)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5296. 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; Sabine River, Orange, Texas" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-1080)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5297. 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; Appomattox FPS, Mississippi Canyon 437, Outer Continental Shelf on the Gulf of Mexico" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0446)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5298. 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; Mississippi Sound, Biloxi, MS" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0083)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5299. 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; Tennessee River, Miles 446.0 to 454.5" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2015-1113)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5300. 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; Oregon Inlet, Dare County, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0964)) received in the Office of the Presi-

dent of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5301. 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; Barge PFE-LB444, San Joaquin River, Blackslough Landing, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0387)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5302. 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; Pacific Ocean, Kilauea Lava Flow Ocean Entry on Southeast Side of Island of Hawaii, HI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0234)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5303. 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; Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley Annual and Recurring Safety Zones Update" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0065)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5304. 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; Straits of Mackinac, Mackinaw City, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0397)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5305. 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, Volvo Ocean Race Newport; East Passage, Narragansett Bay, RI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0118)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5306. 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; Lake Michigan, Calumet Harbor, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0234)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5307. 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; Housatonic River, Milford and Stamford, CT" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0304)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5308. 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; Pensacola Bay, Pensacola, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2017-0998)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5309. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface

Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "On-Time Performance Under Section 213 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008" ((RIN2140-AB22) (Docket No. EP 726)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5310. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund; Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund" ((WT Docket No. 10-208) (DA 18-427)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5311. 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 Grounds; Galveston Harbor, Bolivar Roads Channel, Galveston, Texas" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2015-0549)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-234. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana recognizing Tuesday, April 24, 2018, as the fourth annual Oil and Natural Gas Industry Day at the state capitol and commending the industry for more than a century of partnership with Louisiana, providing jobs and economic benefits for the state while providing the energy that fuels a nation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

Whereas, more than two hundred sixty thousand Louisianians are employed by the oil and natural gas industry, from rigs to office jobs; and

Whereas, the oil and natural gas industry continues to be the foundation of the state's economy with a \$72.8 billion economic impact, generating over \$19 billion in household earnings for Louisianians, with energy jobs and earnings found in all but one of the state's sixty-four parishes; and

Whereas, the oil and natural gas industry brings jobs to cities and parishes in Louisiana, injects money into the local economy, and enables communities to not only survive, but to thrive; and

Whereas, the oil and natural gas industry is one of the biggest contributors to Louisiana's economy paying nearly \$2 billion in direct and indirect taxes to the state treasury which helps pay for schools, healthcare, roads, and other state-funded initiatives; and

Whereas, the oil and natural gas industry in Louisiana is the biggest private investor in the state's coast, funding research, working with top scientists, and investing in dozens of private and public projects that all work to protect and improve our coastline; and

Whereas, Louisiana is the nation's number two producer of crude oil and the number four producer of natural gas among the fifty states, ranks number two among the states in petroleum refining capacity with its eighteen refineries, and has over ninety-two thousand miles of pipelines transporting crude petroleum and natural gas within the state and its offshore area of the Gulf of Mexico: Therefore, be it