EC-6428. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Creswell, OR" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2018-0044))) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6429. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (76)" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6430. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (82)" (RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6431. 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; Delaware River Fireworks Display, Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0810)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6432. 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; Upper Mississippi River, Mile Markers 751.2 to 751.8, Alma, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0742)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6433. 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, Chicago, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0707)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6434. 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; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Markers 230.4 to 215, Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0744)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6435. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Ohio River, Olmstead, IL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-07000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6436. 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; Lower Mississippi River, New Orleans, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0348)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6437. 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; Allegheny River Miles 0.7 to 1,0, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0810)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6438. 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 Miles 0.0 to 0.5, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0743)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6439. 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; Sandusky Bicentennial Fireworks, Sandusky Bay, Sandusky, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0777)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6440. 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; Great Lakes Offshore Grand Prix, Lake Erie, Dunkirk, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0683)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6441. 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; Roanoke River, Plymouth, NC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0771)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6442. 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; Michigan Championships; Detroit River; Detroit, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0732)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6443. 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; Battle of the Bridges, Intracoastal Waterway; Venice, FL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0608)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 4, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1768. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-336).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

*James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

 $\star Joel$ Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it 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 times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 3412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer credit for paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

> By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3413. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the Strength in Diversity Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3414. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Ferry Road in Saunderstown, Rhode Island, as the "Captain Matthew J. August Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HIRONO:

S. 3415. A bill to extend, for a period of two years, the authority for operation of the Department of Veterans Affairs regional office in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COONS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3416. A bill to amend the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to extend the period during which the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office may set or adjust certain fees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3417. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to increase efficiency in the recruitment and hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of health care workers that are undergoing