

EC-547. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Tobacco Control Activities in the United States"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-548. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the operations of the Office of General Counsel for fiscal year 1993; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-549. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of enforcement activities; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-550. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the employment of minorities, women and people with disabilities in the Federal Government for fiscal year 1992; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-551. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-552. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Small Business Amendments Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-553. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, and other statutes, to extend VA's authority to operate various programs, collect copayments associated with provision of medical benefits, and obtain reimbursement from insurance companies for care furnished; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-554. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-555. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for cost-savings in the housing program for veterans, to limit cost-of-living increases for Montgomery GI Bill benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-556. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 92-77; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-558. A communication from the Marshal of the Court of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Marshal of the Court regarding administrative costs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-559. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report for 1994 under the Free-

dom of Information Act; to the Committee on Judiciary.

EC-560. A communication from the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Conference under the Equal Access to Justice Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-561. A communication from the Navy Wives Clubs of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Club's annual report for the 1993-1994 tax year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-562. A communication from the Secretary of the Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Corporation under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-563. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 report of the Department under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-564. A communication from The Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's 1994 report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-565. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 1994 report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-566. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 1994 report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-567. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Committee's 1994 report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-568. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' 1994 report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-569. A communication from the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, transmitting, a report consistent with the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-570. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-571. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-572. A communication from the Executive Director of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-573. A communication from the Freedom of Information/Privacy Officer of the Interstate Commerce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-574. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commis-

sion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-575. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-576. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 1994 annual report under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. LUGAR:

S. 577. A bill to establish the negotiating objectives and fast track procedures for future trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 577. A bill to establish the negotiating objectives and fast-track procedures for future trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

#### THE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION REFORM ACT

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, as the United States enters the 21st century, we must expand our economic opportunities. It is with this goal in mind that I introduce the Trade Agreement Implementation Reform Act.

During the recent Uruguay round debate, I pointed out the shortcomings of existing fast-track procedures. These flaws unnecessarily fed public suspicion and mistrust of trade agreements. These agreements should not be burdened by unrelated legislative provisions.

The Senate adopted the fast-track procedure in 1974. This important tool has allowed us to enter free-trade agreements with Canada, Israel, and Mexico. It has also been used to reduce trade barriers worldwide in the Uruguay round; as well as the earlier Tokyo round. Nations must be assured that once they reach an agreement with the United States, it will not be undermined by amendments that violate its provisions.

I believe that the basic arguments for a fast-track process are solid. Hence, my bill does not drastically change it except for two major provisions.

First, legislation submitted under fast track should contain only provisions absolutely necessary to implement an agreement. Prior law allowed provisions "necessary and appropriate" and encouraged deals with special interests in exchange for support. I believe that the integrity of the fast-track process during the Uruguay