

the arts to people in every State and in thousands of communities from Putney, Vermont, to Mammoth Lakes, California. The difference art makes in our lives is profound; we see more clearly, listen more intently, and respond to our fellow man with deeper understanding and empathy.

In these challenging times, when some question the value of public support for the arts, we should reflect upon our obligation to the common good. The arts are not a luxury, but a vital part of our national character and our individual human spirit. The poet Langston Hughes said, "Bring me all of your dreams, you dreamers. Bring me all of your heart melodies . . ." For 30 years, the Arts Endowment has helped keep those dreams alive for our artists and our audiences. May it long continue to do so.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 12, 1996.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Hays, 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. 3540. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3540. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2991. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Counterdrug Detail Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2992. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Defense Nuclear Agency Long-Term Radiation Tolerant Microelectronics Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2993. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to off-the-shelf systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2994. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Texas Regulatory Program," received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2995. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Public Use Regulations for the Alaska Peninsula," (RIN1018-AD30) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2996. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to FM broadcast stations, received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2997. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of six rules relative to FM broadcast stations, received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2998. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twelve rules including a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives," (RIN2120-AA64, 2120-A64, 2120-AA66) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2999. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policies Relating to Rulemaking Proceedings," (RIN2105-AC55) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3000. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twenty rules including a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace" (RIN2120-AA66, 2120-AB18, 2120-AA64, 2120-AA65, 2120-A64) on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3001. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Swordfish Fishery," (RIN0648-AI23) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Disaster Program," (RIN0648-ZA19) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Whaling Provisions," (RIN0648-AI81) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska," (RIN0648-AI18) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including a rule entitled "List of Regulated Substances and Thresh-

olds for Accidental Release Prevention," (FRL5516-6, 5517-4) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3006. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of six rules including a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone," (FRL5509-5, 5518-1, 5506-5, 5514-2 5464-4, 5514-6) received on June 7, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3007. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of six rules including a rule entitled "Description of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes," (FRL5515-7, 5516-4, 5513-3, 5511-2, 5368-4, 5515-1) received on June 5, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3008. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules including a rule entitled "Accidental Release Prevention Requirements," (FRL5516-6, 5516-6, 5517-4) received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3009. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Water Resources Development Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3010. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3011. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3012. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch of the U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Determining the Country of Origin of a Good," (RIN1515-AB34) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3013. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on trade between the U.S. and China, and the Successor States to the former Soviet Union for the period October 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3014. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to passport information, received on June 6, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3015. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "The Exchange Visitor Program," received on June 12, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3016. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Quality of Research Under the DOD Small Business Innovation Research Program"; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3017. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Developmental Disabilities Assistance Amendments of 1996"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.