

the President be notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 3 AND S. 10

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent, Mr. President, that S. 3 and S. 10 be star printed with the changes that I understand are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 105-2

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 28, 1997, by the President of the United States: Taxation Treaty with Thailand, Treaty Document No. 105-2; I further ask unanimous consent the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith for Senate advice and consent to ratification the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Bangkok, November 26, 1996. An enclosed exchange of notes, transmitted for the information of the Senate, provides clarification with respect to the application of the Convention in specified cases. Also transmitted is the report of the Department of State concerning the Convention.

This Convention, which is similar to other tax treaties between the United States and developing nations, provides maximum rates of tax to be applied to various types of income and protection from double taxation of income. The Convention also provides for the exchange of information to prevent fiscal evasion and sets forth standard rules to limit the benefits of the Convention to persons that are not engaged in treaty shopping.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Convention and give its advice and consent to ratification.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 28, 1997.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

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-847. A communication from the Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to shelled almonds, (FV-95-305) received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-848. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to brucellosis in cattle, (96-005-2) received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-849. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on foreign policy export controls and the Bureau of Export Administration's annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-850. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the administration of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 for calendar year 1993; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-851. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning the Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (RIN0660-ZA02) received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-852. A communication from the Office of the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the revision of regulations for interlocking rail officers received on January 17, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-853. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Government dam use charges; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-854. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, six rules including a rule entitled "The Acid Rain Program" (FRL5679-9, 5678-1, 5677-6, 5677-5, 5675-7, 5671-6) received on January 21, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-855. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Endangered Status For 2CA Insects" (RIN1018-AC50) received on January 22, 1997;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-856. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Revenue Ruling 97-7, received on January 22, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-857. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Foreign Corporations, received on January 22, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-858. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to medicaid eligibility, (RIN0938-AH76) received on January 17, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-859. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Officer of the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to growth impairment listings, (RIN0960-AE60) received on January 17, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-860. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Taxation of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits for 1992; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-861. A communication from the Chairman of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-862. A committee from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Procurement List, received on January 22, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-863. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-864. A communication from the Postmaster General, Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1996 annual report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-865. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the Presidential Management Intern Program, (RIN 3206-AH53) received on January 22, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-866. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Pentagon; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-867. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations) for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the National Defense Stockpile (NDS) for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-868. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled, "Regulatory Citations to Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System" (RIN1550-AA99), received on January 23, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-869. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Open