

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to the provisions of sections 5580 and 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. REGULA of Ohio and Mr. SAM JOHN-SON of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 221), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to be accredited by the President as official advisers to the United States delegations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress: Mr. ARCHER of Texas, Mr. CRANE of Illinois, Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. RANGEL of New York, and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 40. A bill to protect the lives of unborn human beings.

S. 41. A bill to make it a violation of a right secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States to perform an abortion with the knowledge that the abortion is being performed solely because of the gender of the fetus.

S. 42. A bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to permit family planning projects to offer adoption services.

S. 43. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutional prayer in schools.

S. 44. A bill to amend the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to require a local educational agency that receives funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to expel a student determined to be in possession of an illegal drug, or illegal drug paraphernalia, on school property, in addition to expelling a student determined to be in possession of a gun, and for other purposes.

S. 45. A bill to prohibit the executive branch of the Federal Government from establishing an additional class of individuals that is protected against discrimination in Federal employment, and for other purposes.

S. 46. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1954 to make preferential treatment an unlawful employment practice, and for other purposes.

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-783. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New Hampshire; Interim Final Determination that New Hampshire has Avoided the Deficiencies of its I/M SIP Revision" (FRL 6203-5) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-784. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina" (FRL 6204-1) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-785. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Tennessee" (FRL 6204-4) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-786. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harpin; Temporary/Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL 6040-5) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-787. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebufenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL 6049-4) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-788. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triazamate; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL 6024-5) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-789. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the St. Andrew Beach Mouse" (RIN1018-AE41) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-790. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Inpatient Psychiatric Services Benefit for Individuals Under Age 21" (RIN0938-AJ05) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-791. A communication from the Assistant Commissioner for Examination, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue; Construction/Real Estate Industry; Retain age Payable" (UIL460.03-10) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-792. 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 entitled "Part IV - Items of General Interest" (Notice 98-62) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-793. 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 entitled "Payment by Credit Card and Debit Card" (RIN1545-AW38) received on December 15, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-794. 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 entitled "Tax Forms and Instructions" (Rev. Proc. 98-61) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-795. 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 entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 98-56) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-796. 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 entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 98-63) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-797. 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 entitled "Certain Investment Income Under the Qualifying Income Provisions of Section 7704 and the Application of the Passive Activity Loss Rules to Publicly Traded Partnerships" (RIN1545-AV15) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-798. 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 entitled "Election to Amortize Start-Up Expenditures for Active Trades or Businesses" (RIN1545-AT71) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-799. 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 entitled "Abatement of Interest for Individual Taxpayers in Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas" (Notice 99-2) received on December 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-800. 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 entitled "New Technologies in Retirement Plan Administration" (Notice 99-1) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-801. 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 entitled "Notice, Consent and Election Requirements of Sections 411(a)(11) and 417 for Qualified Retirement Plans" (RIN1545-AU05) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-802. 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 entitled "Treatment of Certain Payments Received as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)" (Notice 99-3) received on December 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-803. 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 entitled "Filing Procedure for Early Closing of Courier's Desk" (Notice 98-67) received on