

to distinguish between consumers and large corporations.

Perhaps just as importantly as its substantive problems, the Clinton Administration has threatened a veto of S. 96. With six months until the end of the year, we do not have two, three, or four months to negotiate compromises.

It is my hope that those of us who are truly in support of reforming the current system will prevail in softening some of S. 96's provisions to arrive at legislation that the Administration can and will support. While this will not result in legislation that organizations can use to fuel their drive to overhaul the entire tort system, it will allow us to mitigate Y2K litigation costs while protecting those who have been wronged.

#### COMMENDING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN FOR AID TO KOSOVO

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I bring to the attention of this body the efforts of the Republic of China on Taiwan on behalf of the Kosovar refugees. As a member of the world community committed to protecting and promoting human rights, the Republic of China on Taiwan is deeply concerned about the plight of the Kosovars and hopes to contribute to the reconstruction of their war-torn land. To that end, President Lee Tung-hui announced on June 7, 1999 that Taiwan will grant \$300 million in an aid package to the Kosovars. The aid package will consist of the following:

1. Emergency support for food, shelters, medical care and education, etc. for Kosovar refugees living in exile in neighboring countries.

2. Short-term accommodations for some of the Kosovar refugees in Taiwan with opportunities for job training to enable them to be better equipped for the restoration of their homeland upon their return.

3. Support for the restoration of Kosovo in coordination with international long-term recovery programs once a peace plan is implemented.

I commend the Republic of China on Taiwan for their commitment to humanitarian assistance for these victims of the war in Yugoslavia. Their aid will contribute to the promotion of the peace plan for Kosovo and will help the refugees return safely to their homes as soon as possible.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 15, 1999, the federal debt stood at \$5,579,687,074,229.55 (Five trillion, five hundred seventy nine billion, six hundred eighty seven million, seventy four thousand, two hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty five cents).

One year ago, June 15, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,484,471,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred eighty four billion, four hundred seventy-one million).

Five years ago, June 15, 1994, the federal debt stood at \$4,607,232,000,000 (Four trillion, six hundred seven billion, two hundred thirty-two million).

Ten years ago, June 15, 1989, the federal debt stood at \$2,782,363,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred eighty two billion, three hundred sixty-three million).

Fifteen years ago, June 15, 1984, the federal debt stood at \$1,519,266,000,000 (One trillion, five hundred nineteen billion, two hundred sixty-six million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,060,421,074,229.55 (Four trillion, sixty billion, four hundred twenty-one million, seventy-four thousand, two hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents) during the past 15 years.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 17. An act to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 973. An act to modify authorities with respect to the provision of security assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1000. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 75. Concurrent Resolution condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1059. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second time by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 973. An act to modify authorities with respect to the provision of security assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1000. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the

Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 75. Concurrent resolution condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### 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-3630. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened status for the plant *Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *spectabilis* (Howell's spectacular *thelypodium*)" (RIN1018-AE52), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3631. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formal and Informal Adjudicatory Hearing Procedures; Clarification of Eligibility to Participate" (RIN3150-AG27), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3632. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference for Florida; Approval of Recodification of the Florida Administrative Code" (FRL # 6352-9), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3633. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Delaware; Reasonably Available Control Technology Requirements for Nitrogen Oxides" (FRL # 6357-7), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3634. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Florida: Approval of Revisions to the Florida State Implementation Plan" (FRL # 6352-3), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3635. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recordkeeping Requirements for Low Volume Exemption and Low Release and Exposure Exemption; Technical Correction" (FRL # 6085-5), received June 9,

1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3636. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Aminoethoxyvinylglycine; Temporary Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6080-4) and "Sulfosate; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL # 6086-6)", received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3637. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt Regulated Areas" (96-016-24), received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3638. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Area" (98-083-4), received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3639. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Economic and Public Interest Requirements for Contract Market Designation" (RIN3038-AB33), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3640. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Recordkeeping Requirements of Regulation 1.31", received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3641. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representations and Disclosures Required by Certain Introducing Brokers, Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors", received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3642. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance and Appendix", received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3643. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64 FR 28931) (05/28/99), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3644. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (64 FR 28933) (05/28/99), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3645. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood

Elevation Determinations" (64 FR 28935) (05/28/99), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3646. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance; Determining Disability and Blindness; Extensions of Expiration Dates for Several Body Systems Listings" (RIN0960-AF02), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3647. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 99-27, Quarterly Interest Rates Beginning July 1, 1999", received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3648. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Bigleaf Mahogany to Appendix III under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by the Government of Mexico" (RIN1018-AF58), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3649. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption; Boiler Water Additives" (97F-0450), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3650. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants Production Aids, and Sanitizers; Technical Amendment" (97F-0421), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3651. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings" (98F-0823), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3652. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Sucrose Acetate Isobutyrate" (91F-0228), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3653. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received May 26, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3654. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits", received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3655. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Office of Special Education" (84.328), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3656. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reinstatement of Benefits Eligibility Based Upon Terminated Marital Relationships" (RIN2900-AJ53), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3657. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Connection of Dental Conditions For Treatment Purposes" (RIN2900-AH41), received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3658. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surviving Spouse's Benefit for Month of Veteran's Death" (RIN2900-AJ64), received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3659. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation Part 803, Improper Business Practices and Personal Conflicts of Interest, and Part 852, Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses" (RIN2900-AJ06), received June 2, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3660. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations" (RIN1880-AA78), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3661. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procurement List, Additions and Deletions", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3662. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion and Continuation of Thrift Savings Plan Eligibility; Death Benefits; Methods of Withdrawing Funds from the Thrift Savings Plan; and Miscellaneous Regulations", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3663. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Cemetery Administration; Title Changes" (RIN 2900-AJ79), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-3664. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries by Vessels using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3665. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Deep-water Species Fishery by Vessels using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3666. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Bycatch Rate Standards for the Second Half of 1999", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3667. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Other Nontrawl Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3668. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area; Exempted Fishing Permit", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3669. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Whiting Closure for the Mothership Sector", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3670. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA; Docket No. 99-AWP-3 {6-7/6-7}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0187), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3671. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt & Whitney T8D-1, -1A, -1B, -7, -7A, -7B, -9, -9A, -9B, 11, -15, -15A, -17, -17A, -17R, and -17AR Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-48 {6-8/6-7}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0239), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3672. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-43 {6-8/6-7}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0240), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3673. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727-400 Series Airplanes Powered by Pratt & Whitney PW4000 Engines; Docket No. 97-NM-89 {5-26/6-3}" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0238), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3674. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Service of Documents, Order No. 604, 87 FERC 61,205 (May 26, 1999)", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3675. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule on Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), Order No. 605, 87 FERC 61,224 (1999)", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3676. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Existing Regulations Governing the Filing of Applications for the Construction and Operation of Facilities to Provide Service or to Abandon Facilities or Service under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 603, 64 FERC 26572 (April 29, 1999)", received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3677. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manual for Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System Reporting and Data Submission" (DOE M 474-1-2), received June 1, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3678. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classified Matter Protection and Control Manual" (DOE M 471.2-1B), received May 27, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3679. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Surveillance List of Chemicals, Products, Materials and Equipment used in the clandestine production of controlled substances or listed chemicals" (DEA-172N), received June 8, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3680. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Soy Protein Concentrate, Modified Food Starch and Carrageenan as Binders in Certain Meat Products" (RIN0583-AB82), received June 4, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3681. A communication from the Director, 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; Maryland; Control of VOC Emissions from Decorative Surfaces, Brake Shoe Coatings, Structural Steel Coatings, and Digital Imaging" (FRL #6357-5), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3682. A communication from the Director, 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; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" (FRL #6354-9), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3683. A communication from the Director, 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; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL #6358-3), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3684. A communication from the Director, 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 for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Control of Emissions From Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators; State of Iowa" (FRL #6358-3), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3685. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Colorado; Revisions Regarding Negligibly Reactive Volatile Organic Compounds and Other Regulatory Revisions" (FRL #6358-6), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3686. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of 40 CFR Part 70 Operating Permit Program; State of North Dakota" (FRL #6358-6), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3687. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Withdrawal of Regulations Designed to Reduce the Mid-continent Light Goose Population" (RIN1018-AF05), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3688. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; 1990 NO<sub>x</sub> Base Year Emission Inventory for the Philadelphia Ozone Non-attainment Area" (FRL #6361-5), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3689. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Texas" (FRL #6361-4), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3690. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and

Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Louisiana" (FRL # 6360-84), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3691. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Tumon, Guam)" (MM Docket No. 98-113), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3692. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Cannon Ball, ND, Velva, ND, Delhi, NY, Flasher, ND, Berthold, ND, Ranier, OR, Richardton, ND, Wimbleton, ND)" [MM Docket Nos. 99-4, 99-5, 99-7, 99-37, 99-38, 99-39, 99-40, 99-41], received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3693. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Deer Lodge, Hamilton and Shelby, Montana" [MM Docket No. 99-70; RM-9380], received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3694. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Leesville, Louisiana)" [MM Docket No. 98-191; RM-9351], received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3695. A communication from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on June 9, 1999 (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, and 96-262, FCC99-119); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3696. A communication from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Fed-St. Joint Board of Universal Service" (CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, FCC99-49), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3697. A communication from the Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service" (CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC99-121), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3698. A communication from the Assistant Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Enforcement, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Appliance Labeling

Rule)" (RIN3084-AA26, 16 CFR Part 305), received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3699. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; Back Bay of Biloxi, MS(CGD8-96-049)" (RIN2115-AE47) (1999-0020), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3700. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the San Juan High Offshore Airspace Area, PR; Docket No. 97-ASI-21 {6-9/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0197), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3701. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cresco, IA; Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-13 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0197), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3702. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; West Union, IA; Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-12 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0197), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3703. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Ottawa, KS; Direct final rule; Request for comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-21 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0193), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3704. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Rolla/Vichy, MO; Direct final rule; request for comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-26 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0194), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3705. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lebanon, MO; Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-26 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0191), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3706. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Shendoah, IA; Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-26 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0191), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3707. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Neosho, MO; Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-11 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0190), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3708. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Washington, IA; Direct final rule, confirmation of effective date; Docket No. 99-ACE-18 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0189), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3709. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Thedford, NE; Direct Final Rule, Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ACE-23 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0188), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3710. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (32); Amdt. No. 1932 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0029), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3711. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (42); Amdt. No. 1933 {6-9/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0028), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3712. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (102); Amdt. No. 1934 {6-10/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0027), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3713. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments (64); Amdt. No. 416 {6-9/6-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0002), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3714. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 99-28, Medical Expense Deduction for Smoking-Cessation Programs", received June 11, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3715. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (SPATS # IN-145-FOR), received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3716. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and

Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Removal of Regulated Area" (98-082-4), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3717. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of Quarantined Area" (98-044-1), received June 10, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3718. A communication from the Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR part 3570, subpart B, Community Facilities Grants", received June 9, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3719. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Indonesia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3720. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "HUD Procurement Reform: Substantial Progress Underway"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3721. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an export license relative to Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3722. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the HIPC Trust Fund, administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3723. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the transfer of certain resources to the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility/Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Trust Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3724. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1997 of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3725. A communication from the Director, National Institute on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to the demography and economics of aging; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3726. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Stabilization Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3727. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3728. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3729. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to early retirement offers by Federal agencies; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3730. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3731. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3732. A communication from the Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for the period of October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3733. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to audit follow-up for the period October 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3734. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for April 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3735. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for calendar year 1997 relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3736. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to managing military strengths during time of war or national emergency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3737. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3738. A communication from the Director, Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3739. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the disability evaluation system for certain members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3740. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, and the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting jointly, the Office of Justice Programs annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3741. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to prisoners and their access to interactive computer services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3742. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation amending the Foreign Agents Registration

Act (FARA) of 1938; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3743. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the removal of dangerous criminal aliens from our communities and our country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3744. A communication from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of activities during calendar year 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3745. A communication from the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a program to combat drowsy driving; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3746. A communication from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Selected Medicare Issues", dated June 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3747. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Office Activities", dated April 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3748. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3749. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to civil aviation security in calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred and ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-157. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada relative to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Whereas, On May 19, 1998, testimony was presented to members of the United States Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources by the Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater, Deputy Majority Whip in the Maryland House of Delegates, urging members of Congress to strengthen requirements for the appeals processes for plans covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA); and

Whereas, In her presentation, Ms. Goldwater noted that it is important to have strong, effective and responsive internal grievance and appeal mechanisms in place; and

Whereas, Every state requires managed care entities to have an internal appeals process in place; and

Whereas, If it is determined that a federal external appeals process is appropriate, it should be administered by the Federal Government according to rules established by federal law, with states managing those plans under their regulatory authority; and

Whereas, Several states have enacted legislation to revise and refine both the internal and external appeals processes; and