

and we say here in the Senate, God bless the U.S. Air Force.

I yield the floor.

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-4206. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Battling International Bribery", dated July 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4207. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4208. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4209. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Amend 31 CFR Part 306 to Prohibit Bearer Reissues", received July 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4210. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Referral of Issues to Appeals" (Revenue Procedure 99-28, 1999-29 I.R.B.), received July 13, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4211. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice 99-37, Information Reporting for Tuition Tax Credits and Qualified Student Loan Interest" (Notice 99-37), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4212. 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 "Fosetyl-Al; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6372-3), received July 7, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4213. 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 "Tebufenozide; Benzoic Acid, 3,5-dimethyl-1-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-(4-ethylbenzoyl) hydrazide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6088-8), received July 7, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4214. 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 "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL # 6088-3), received July 13, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4215. 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 "Myclobutanol; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions; Correction" (FRL # 6089-2), received July 13, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4216. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Change in Pick Requirements" (Docket No. FV99-923-1 IFR), received July 6, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4217. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Temporary Suspension of a Provision on Producer Continuance Referenda Under the Cranberry Marketing Order" (Docket No. FV99-929-1 FIR), received July 6, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4218. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to improving and reforming the administration of Department programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4219. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Records Management and Declassification Agency, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufacture, Sale, Wear, Commercial Use and Quality Control of Heraldic Items" (32 CFR Part 507), received June 28, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4220. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Records Management and Declassification Agency, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiation Sources on Army Land" (32 CFR Part 655), received June 28, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4221. 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; Final Designation for Critical Habitat for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow" (RIN1018-AF72), received June 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4222. 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; Assumptions for Valuing Benefits", received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4223. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, a report of the allotment of emergency funds to 16 States and the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4224. A communication from the Executive Secretary, President's Cancer Panel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cancer Care Issues in the United States: Quality of Care, Quality of Life" for the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4225. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; Bank-Specific Harvest Guidelines" (RIN0648-XA31), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4226. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; Bank-Specific Harvest Guidelines" (RIN0648-AK61), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4227. 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 "Revision of Class E Airspace; Atqasuk, AK; Docket No. 99-AAL-3 (7-7/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0218), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4228. 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 "Revision of Class E Airspace; Yakutat, AK; Docket No. 99-AAL-2 (7-7/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0220), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4229. 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 "Revision of Class E Airspace; Adak, AK; Docket No. 99-AAK-9 (7-7/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0219), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4230. 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 Class E Airspace; Palmer, AK; Docket No. 99-AAL-5 (7-7/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0217), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4231. 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 (104); Amdt. No. 1937 (7-1/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0032), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4232. 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 (43); Amdt. No. 1938 (7-1/7-8)" (RIN2120-AA65) (1999-0033), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4233. 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: Eurocopter

Deutschland Model EC 135 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-38 (7-17-8)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0267), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4234. 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: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes; Correction; Docket No. 99-NM-112 (7-7-8)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0266), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4235. 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: Dassault Model 2000, 900EX, and Mystere Falcon 900 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-63 (7-7-8)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0265), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4236. A communication from the Senior Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN2127-AH48), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4237. A communication from the Senior Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Motor Vehicles and Equipment Subject to Federal Safety, Bumper, and Theft Prevention Standards" (RIN2127-AH45), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4238. A communication from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Identification Symbols" (RIN2127-AH10), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4239. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Code-Sharing Arrangements and Long-Term Wet Leases (Delay of Effective Date)" (RIN2105-AC10) (1999-0002), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4240. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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; Trip Limit Adjustments," received July 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4241. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure for the Shallow-water Species Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska," received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4242. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules to Further Ensure That Scanning Receivers Do Not Receive Cellular Radio Signals" (ET Docket

No. 98-76) (FCC 99-58), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4243. A communication from the Management Analyst, AMD-Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Office of the Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 1999" (MD Docket No. 98-200) (FCC 99-146), received July 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-249. A petition from the New York State Legislative Commission on Water Resource Needs of New York and Long Island relative to Methyl tertiary Butyl Ether (MtBE); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-250. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 388

Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an international treaty on September 3, 1981; and

Whereas, as of March 1999, 162 countries had ratified the Conventions and six states had endorsed the United States ratification in their state legislatures; and

Whereas, the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for challenging the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex against half the world's population, and the nations in support of the present Convention have agreed to follow Convention prescriptions; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina shares the goals of the Convention, namely, affirming faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of women; and

Whereas, although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal, educational, and other fields in this century, there is much yet to be accomplished; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina recognizes the greatly increased interdependence of the people of the world; and

Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate to support ratification of the most important international agreement affecting the lives of women throughout the world; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives urges the citizens of North Carolina to recognize that we are citizens of the world with responsibilities extending beyond the boundaries of our city, State, and nation. The House of Representatives further urges the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and to support the Convention's continuing goals.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate and to each member of North Carolina's Congressional Delegation.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

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. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 1372. A bill to require the filing of Shippers' Export Declarations through the Automated Export System of the Department of the Treasury with respect to certain transactions of proliferation concern, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1373. A bill to increase monitoring of the use of offsets in international defense trade; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1374. A bill to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1375. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in act of genocide and torture abroad; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a value added tax and to use the receipts from the tax to reduce Federal debt and to ensure the solvency of the Social Security System; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 1377. A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act regarding the use of funds for water development for the Bonneville Unit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1378. A bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purposes of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1379. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide broad based tax relief for all taxpaying families, to mitigate the marriage penalty, to expand retirement savings, to phase out gift and estate taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1380. A bill to provide for a study of long-term care needs in the 21st century; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1381. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a 5-year recovery period for petroleum storage facilities; to the Committee on Finance.