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House of Representatives

This being the date fixed by the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States by Public Law 106–127, the Members of the second session of the 106th Congress met in their Hall and, at noon, were called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON).

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DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 24, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

On this new day, our hearts and minds, our thoughts and feelings are open to Your good spirit, O God, and to the abundance of Your gifts and blessings. We recall the words of understanding and peace and tolerance; we remember the words of joy and wonder and thanksgiving and we are thrilled by words of unity and hope and love. On this special day, we pray that these good words will find a place in our hearts and that we will show forth in our lives the beauty and marvel of Your gifts to us and to all people. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, the House shall conduct no organizational or legislative business on this day. The House will follow the practice announced by the Speaker at the convening of the second session of the 102d Congress under a similar order.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will be numbered today but will not be noted in the RECORD or referred by the Speaker until January 27, 2000. Executive communications, petitions, and memorials will not be numbered or referred until January 27, 2000.

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WHEN WILL THE PEOPLE'S WORK BE DONE?

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, the reports that the House is returning to work today are inaccurate. This House will complete month one of the new millennium with no action either on this floor or in committee on any of the major issues that this country faces. Nothing on education, nothing on Social Security, nothing on the environment, nothing on tax reform, nothing on health care or prescription drugs for seniors. There is some question as to whether this House will even vote on the trivial matters that usually occupy its time any time during the month of January.

With an abbreviated year and the opportunity for meaningful action largely ending in July, I think this is unfortunate.

This Thursday we will hear from the President on the State of the Union. We already know the state of this House: Lost in inaction.

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SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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EXTENSION OF REMARKS

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. SLAUGHTER.
Mr. CRAMER.
Mr. ANDREWS.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. PALLONE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BALLENGER), to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OXLEY.
Mr. REGULA.

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BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of following titles:

On December 2, 1999:

H.R. 3443. To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

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H.R. 3419. To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

On December 6, 1999:

H.R. 1180. To amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

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BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

December 3, 1999:

H.R. 20. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 322. An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

H.R. 1555. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

December 6, 1999:

H.J. Res. 85. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

H.R. 1094. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.

H.R. 1191. An act to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.

H.R. 1251. An act to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the ''Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building.''

H.R. 1327. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the ''Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office.''

H.R. 3373. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericsson.

December 7, 1999:

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 592. An act to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as ''World War Veterans Park at Miller Field.''

H.R. 747. An act to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

H.R. 748. An act to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

H.R. 791. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential additional to the national trails system.

H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

H.R. 2079. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.

H.R. 2886. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act.

H.R. 2889. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project Purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.

H.R. 3257. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

December 9, 1999:

H.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.

H.R. 658. An act to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System.

H.R. 1104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

H.R. 1528. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 1619. An act to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

H.R. 1665. An act to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

H.R. 1693. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.

H.R. 1887. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

H.R. 1932. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.

H.R. 2140. An act to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.

H.R. 2401. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.

H.R. 2632. An act to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

H.R. 2737. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the Trail.

H.R. 3381. An act to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3419. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3456. An act to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

December 14, 1999:

H.R. 3443. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

December 17, 1999:

H.R. 1180. An act to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability to health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

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SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

December 6, 1999:

S. 574. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

S. 580. An act to amend IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

S. 1418. An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

December 7, 1999:

S. 28. An act to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes.

S. 416. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.

December 9, 1999:

S. 67. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the ''Robert C. Weaver Federal Building.''

S. 438. An act to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, and for other purposes.

S. 548. An act to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio.

S. 791. An act to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program.

S. 1595. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the ''Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse.''

S. 1866. An act to redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the ''John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.''

December 12, 1999:

S. 335. An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the Nonmailability of certain deceptive matter

relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, the House stands adjourned until noon on Thursday, January 27, 2000.

Thereupon, (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 235, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 27, 2000, at noon.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to the order of the House on November 18, 1999 the following report was filed on December 10, 1999]

Mr. BURTON: Committee on Government Reform. The FALN and Macheteros Clemency: Misleading Explanations, a Reckless Decision, a Dangerous Message (Rept. 106–488). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

[Omitted from the Record of November 22, 1999]

H.R. 3081. Referral to the Committee on Education and the Workforce extended for a period ending not later than January 28, 2000.

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Senate

The 24th day of January being the day prescribed by H. Con. Res. 235 for the meeting of the second session of the 106th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol at 12:03 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, before whom generations rise and pass away, to whom a thousand years are as yesterday, You have given us a new year, a new beginning, and a new opportunity to serve You. As we begin this year's work in the Senate, give us new hearts filled with the passion of ignited patriotism, minds filled with Your vision for America, and wills filled with desire to follow Your guidance.

We pray for the women and men of this Senate. Help them to claim Your promise through Jeremiah; ''Call on me and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know''.—Jeremiah 33:3. Enable the Senators to humble themselves and confess their need for Your inspiration. Endow them with wisdom to see clearly Your solutions to the perplexities we face. The bigger the problems, the more of Your power is available. Make the Senators positive, courageous problem solvers. Give them an unprecedented sense of oneness and unity to lead this great Nation together. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM BUNNING, a Senator from the State of Kentucky, led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND THE CHAPLAIN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank you for your presence today and for being ready to go at the appointed hour.

Also, I express appreciation on behalf of the Senate for our Chaplain and for his wonderfully beautiful opening prayer. It is an inspiration to us.

WELCOME TO SENATORS AND STAFF

Mr. LOTT. I welcome back staff members and our colleagues in the Senate. I hope you have all had a period of time with your families and rest and health and recuperation, and regeneration, and that you are ready to go.

I see the Senator from California is ready and that other Senators are in the Chamber. I welcome you. We have several housekeeping matters to consider, but I do want to say again that we are glad to have you all back.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if Senators have statements they would like to make or legislation they would like to introduce, we will have a time for doing that today. I have talked to a number of Senators this morning, including my counterpart on the Democratic side, Senator DASCHLE, and everybody seems to be in good spirits and ready to go to work. We do have a lot of legislation that is pending, that has been reported out of committees and we hope to move to very quickly. We have a number of bills in conference that we hope to have started right away to move toward getting a conference report. I believe the Federal Aviation Administration conferees will meet, in fact, on Thursday to begin to do some work there. This week we have scheduled action on the bankruptcy reform bill. We spent a lot of time at the end of the session last year on that bill—in fact, I think it was over a week. We went through over 100 amendments. We have narrowed the list down to a relatively small number. I visited with Senator DASCHLE about this legislation, and we will have some decision, some announcements we will make later on today about exactly how to proceed on bankruptcy reform.

In addition to that, we will have legislation that will be pending after today under rule XIV with regard to the situation of Elian Gonzalez, the young boy from Cuba. The legislation advocated by Senator MACK, Senator TORRICELLI, Senator GRAHAM, and others would grant citizenship to this young boy and therefore have the matter of his situation determined by a custody court proceeding rather than Immigration. When that would come up will depend on a number of other things, but it could be available as early as Wednesday or it could be acted on instead next week.

I remind my colleagues that there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. I am sure many Senators will be in the Chamber to make statements and introduce bills. We will be taking legislative action on Tuesday and Wednesday, with the potential of a number of votes occurring Tuesday afternoon and/or Wednesday. On Thursday, we will have a conference retreat for Republicans at the Library of Congress so we will not be in session during the day. As a reminder, the State of the Union Address will be that night, Thursday, January 27, at 9 p.m., and therefore the Senate will convene at 8:40 p.m. in order to proceed to the

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House of Representatives for that Address.

Finally, for the remainder of this week, I hope we will look at exactly when we will take up the nuclear waste legislation. I presume that some action will be taken either late this week or early next week which will guarantee a vote.

I appreciate my colleagues' attention and say again I look forward to working with Senators on both sides of the aisle.

In order to confirm that the Senate is prepared to begin business in the second session of the 106th Congress, I now suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

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WELCOME TO SENATORS AND STAFF

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I join the majority leader in welcoming back our colleagues, the President pro tempore, our Chaplain, and our staff. I think we all had a wonderful break. It is good to be back and see so many friendly faces.

The majority leader and I had a good conversation earlier today and discussed a number of matters to be addressed in the early days of this session of Congress. I look forward to working with him and with our colleagues as we begin this second session of the 106th Congress.

I might inquire, has the majority leader finished? I didn't want to interrupt.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I could respond to the distinguished Democratic leader, if he wishes to make a statement at this time that would be fine, but we need to establish a quorum so we can notify the President that the Senate is ready to work.

The Senator can make his statement now or we can establish a quorum.

Mr. DASCHLE. Why don't we establish the quorum and I will comment later.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Ashcroft	Campbell	Domenici
Baucus	Cochran	Dorgan
Bennett	Collins	Enzi
Bingaman	Craig	Feinstein
Bryan	Daschle	Fitzgerald
Bunning	DeWine	Frist
Byrd	Dodd	Grams
Hagel	Mack	Snowe
Hollings	McConnell	Specter
Hutchinson	Moynihan	Stevens
Jeffords	Murkowski	Thomas
Kennedy	Nickles	Thompson
Kyl	Reed	Thurmond
Landrieu	Reid	Voinovich
Lautenberg	Robb	Warner
Levin	Roberts	Wyden
Lott	Santorum	
Lugar	Sessions	

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be dispensed with. I believe we have established a quorum and can proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. A quorum is present.

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NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT THE SENATE IS READY TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the President of the United States that the Senate is now ready to proceed to business, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 242) notifying the President the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 242) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 242

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

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NOTIFYING THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the House that the Senate is now ready to proceed to business, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 243) notifying the House the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 243) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 243

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there be a period for the transaction of morning business until 6 p.m., with Members permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe the Democratic leader will be here momentarily. Senator DASCHLE had started to make a speech earlier when we first started the quorum call. I believe he will be here momentarily to deliver his remarks. I call on other Senators who have been prepared to make remarks. I believe Senator MACK and perhaps several others would like to make remarks before the Senate concludes business today. I am glad we have established a quorum and are now ready to proceed.

I again remind Senators we will be in session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. They should expect votes possibly during the day on Tuesday and possibly several votes on Wednesday.

It is our hope at this time that we can reach an agreement on how to proceed on the bankruptcy bill and we will be able to get an agreement on that and complete that bill which was carried over from the first session of this 106th Congress, and hopefully we could finish it by Wednesday night. There has been an indication, I believe on both sides of the aisle, we hope we could do that. So that would be our desire.

With regard to the matter of the young boy from Cuba, Elian Gonzalez, again what happens there will depend on events. Senator MACK will surely speak to that when he arrives in the Chamber.

Then at some point next week we will initiate proceedings on the nuclear waste bill also.

Those would be the first three issues we have pending before us. We will confer with the Democratic leadership and work on the bills that will be considered after that.

Mr. President, since Senator DASCHLE has not arrived just yet, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

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MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1999

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1999) for the private relief of Elian Gonzalez Brotons.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I then ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in morning business.

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ELIAN GONZALEZ

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill granting Elian Gonzalez American citizenship.

What it means is that the most important decision in this young boy's life will not be made by a political bureaucracy—but by a family court.

Mr. President, neither the President of the United States, his Attorney General, nor the dictator ruling Cuba is qualified to decide the fate of this little boy. The United States is a country of laws, and we zealously believe in the rule of law. Elian deserves access to the legal protections of our family courts. These courts are in the business of considering family cases day after day. And they would consider ''what is in the boy's best interest.'' Today, the only concern of the INS is ''who speaks for the boy,'' not about his future.

The primary purpose of this legislation is to ensure Elian has access to America's family courts: a court that will consider the choice that his mother made when she gave her life for freedom.

Mr. President, we will continue this debate sometime later in the week and make no mistake, I believe that Elian should remain here in the United States where he can live in freedom. But it is not my purpose to make that decision; that is the function of a family court.

This bill is intended to allow a family court to settle this dispute based upon the best interests of Elian Gonzalez.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks time? The minority leader.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE 106TH CONGRESS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me again welcome our colleagues back. I had the opportunity this morning to discuss the schedule and the many mutual matters of concern with the majority leader. Let me again welcome back our staff and express heartfelt appreciation for the great job that so many of our people have done over the last couple of months while we have been gone. I welcome our colleagues back not only to a new session but a new year, a new century, and a new millennium.

As we begin this new year, Americans have every reason to be proud and optimistic. In the last decade of the last century, we saw freedom and democracy triumph around the globe. We saw Eastern Europe abandon communism and the Soviet Union disintegrate. We saw Nelson Mandela walk out of prison and into history as the first democratically elected President of the new South Africa.

Here at home we restored strength to America's economy. We started the last decade with the biggest budget deficits in our Nation's history, and we ended it with the biggest budget surplus. We have seen more than 20 million new jobs created in the last 7 years. Today we have the lowest unemployment in 40 years, and the lowest unemployment ever among African Americans and Hispanics. Americans are working again.

Finally, after 20 years, real wages for America's families are growing again. Family incomes are up, and inflation is virtually nonexistent.

We also made progress in the last decade on the many social problems that some people thought were intractable. Since 1993, we have seen a 48-percent decrease in the welfare rolls, the largest decline in our Nation's history. We put 100,000 new police officers on the street, and today the violent crime rate is the lowest it has been in a generation. We enacted the single largest investment in children's health since 1965 and the largest increases in higher education since the GI bill. Today our Nation is prospering, and we are at peace.

The question facing us as we begin this new session of Congress, this first session of the 21st century, is: How do we keep America moving in the right direction? How do we provide the leadership that will help continue the global march toward freedom and democracy?

Here at home, how do we keep our economy growing? How do we help ordinary Americans provide for their families and prepare for their future? How do we widen the circle of opportunity to include those who have been left out up until now?

There are many, frankly, who believe we will not answer those questions this year. They look at how little we accomplished last year and the fact that this is a Presidential year and conclude that little or nothing will happen between now and November. It does not have to be that way.

A month ago, a lot of people thought the Y2K bug might cause all kinds of chaos. Instead, almost nothing happened. When it comes to us, when it comes to this Congress, people expect nothing to happen this year. Why not surprise them? We have extraordinary opportunities to do significant work this year, and we should work together to seize those opportunities.

Let's not worry about who gets the credit. Let's worry about getting the job done.

If the best minds in this country could work together to kill the Y2K bug, surely the best minds in the Senate can work together this year to protect Social Security, to modernize Medicare, and to pass a real Patients' Bill of Rights. We can work together to improve our children's schools. Working together, surely we can find new ways to help ordinary working families earn more and keep more of what they earn.

There are all kinds of reasons for inaction, but there is not one good excuse. Henry Ford once said, ''You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.''

You cannot construct much of an argument for governing either just talking about what you are going to do. Eventually, one has to act.

I believe there are essentially three challenges facing us this year. If we meet these challenges, I believe, frankly, that it will be good for both of our parties next November. Good policy, as they say, is good politics.

More importantly, if we meet these challenges, it will be good for America, for our economy, for our families, and certainly for our future.

Our first challenge is to maintain our fiscal discipline. Later this week, we expect new estimates from CBO and OMB about how large the surplus might be in the year 2010. We do not know today what their predictions will be, but we do know today that the best first use of whatever surplus we have is to protect Social Security and strengthen Medicare.

Now—when our economy is strong, when we have a surplus, when we still have time on our side—is the time to prepare for the baby boomers' retirement by extending the life of the Social Security trust fund. Now is the time to modernize Medicare and add the prescription drug benefit so people do not have to choose between filling prescriptions and paying utility bills. That is an essential part of maintaining fiscal discipline.

Maintaining fiscal discipline also means paying down our $5 trillion national debt. Mr. President, $2,200 is how much our national debt will cost every family in America this year. Think what a family could do with that much money.

My colleagues and I support tax cuts that help working families with real, pressing needs such as child care and paying for college and caring for sick and aging relatives. We support eliminating the marriage penalty tax for couples who pay a marriage penalty. We support tax cuts that help small businesses grow and make it easier to keep family businesses in families.

We want to work with our friends on the other side of the aisle to pass responsible, targeted tax cuts this year, but we all know what the best tax cut is. The best tax cut for America's families and America's businesses is to pay down the Federal debt.

This year, because of the progress we have made since 1993 in eliminating the deficit and reducing the debt, the average American family will save $2,000 on

their mortgage, $200 on their car loan, and $200 more on student loans.

The American people made it clear last year they do not want a tax cut that is so big it wrecks the economy. They do not want a tax cut that is going to explode in a few years and add to our debt. They do not want a tax cut that disproportionately rewards the people at the very top at the expense of everyone else. What they want is for us to maintain our commitment to fiscal discipline and to Social Security and Medicare.

Our second challenge is to expand our economic recovery, not just sustain it, but to broaden and deepen it to include more families and more communities.

These are extraordinarily good times for many Americans, but too many families in this country are still struggling to afford even the basics. Too many children go to bed hungry. Too many Americans still live on the outskirts of hope. The people who have been left out of this recovery include some of the hardest working, most decent people you would ever want to meet.

They include working mothers who get up before it is light and take three buses to get to their jobs at nursing homes. They include former factory workers who lost their economic footing when the plant closed, who work now at jobs that pay one-third as much, with no benefits.

They include farmers and ranchers in South Dakota and across the country who work 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, who are out there right now in the bitter cold and snow, not even making back their production costs, earning less than their parents and grandparents earned in the Great Depression.

Throughout our history, from our earliest days as a nation, Americans have always strived to do better. We did not stop when we cured polio. We said: Now let's cure cancer.

Next week, we will become the first Americans ever to achieve 107 consecutive months of economic expansion. Surely we will not be the first Americans to say: This is all we can do. We have reached the end of our possibilities.

Let us together expand this recovery.

Our third challenge this year is to finish what we left unfinished last year. We need to pass a real Patients' Bill of Rights that lets medical professionals, not HMO bureaucrats, make medical decisions. Senator LOTT and I discussed that just this morning. I do hope there is a real possibility for compromise and ultimately for the successful completion of our work on a Patients' Bill of Rights.

We need to increase the number of Americans with private health coverage. We need to help communities repair schools that are falling down and expand schools that are filled beyond capacity.

We also need to help communities hire qualified teachers and keep the good teachers who are already in the classroom. It is the only way we can fill the 2.2 million teacher vacancies we know will exist within the next 10 years.

We need to keep the crime rates moving in the right direction by making it harder for kids and criminals to get guns, keeping our commitment to put another 50,000 new police officers on the beat by the year 2005, and giving law enforcement the resources they need to combat hate crimes.

We need to keep crime rates moving in the right direction by cracking down on scam artists who target the elderly and by filling the vacancies on the Federal bench this year—no more excuses, no more delays.

Also this year, we need to make it easier for parents who work full time to raise their families out of poverty by raising the minimum wage $1 an hour and expanding the earned-income tax credit.

We need to pass meaningful, comprehensive campaign finance reform.

Finally, we need to continue opening up new markets for American goods and services by passing the Africa trade/Caribbean Basin free trade initiative this year.

So those three challenges ought to be ones we all share:

No. 1, maintain our fiscal discipline, protect Social Security and Medicare, and pay down the debt;

No. 2, expand the recovery to families and communities that have not yet benefited from it; and

No. 3, finish what we left unfinished last year.

In the weeks since we were together, I was fortunate to be able to spend a wonderful holiday with my family. I got to spend a lot of time in South Dakota. I talked with some remarkable people—from business and education leaders who are working together in Sioux Falls to try to keep up with the demand for high-tech workers, to family farmers and ranchers who are working practically around the clock to scratch out a living.

I talked to a farm wife who gets up at 4:30 in the morning and drives over 90 miles to get to Howard, SD, to work at the PMB plant there, as they wrap every Pokemon card that is distributed in the United States—right there in Howard, SD—only to drive another 90 miles back getting home, sometime after 7:30 at night, to do it all over again the next day.

That work ethic is representative of the work ethic all across South Dakota and the upper Midwest.

I had the privilege of traveling with Senators AKAKA, DODD, and HARRY REID to one of the most amazing, and troubled, regions of the world: India and Pakistan. We went to promote trade and understanding, but we also went to encourage both India and Pakistan to defuse the tensions between their nations and to step back from their increasingly tense nuclear arms race. I am hopeful we made some progress on both matters.

Being in those two nations reminded me again of how fortunate we Americans are. We talked to Tibetan refugees who fled Tibet over the 19,000-foot Himalayan Mountains, suffering the worst maladies in health, recognizing that 40 percent of them might have to deal with serious frostbite on their feet and hands by the time they arrived in Nepal—only to do it because they wanted to be free, only to do it because they, too, wanted to experience at least some element of democracy.

There is so much we as beneficiaries of democracy take for granted. I do not mean simply our material wealth and consumer comforts; I mean our most precious possession of all, our freedom. You recognize that every time you travel abroad, whether it is Pakistan, Nepal, India, or any other country.

India, the world's largest democracy, is now celebrating the 53rd anniversary of its independence this year and the 50th anniversary of its Constitution. Perhaps because democracy is still relatively young in India, perhaps because of the high price they paid for their liberty, the people I spoke with in India seemed very much aware of how rare and how fragile democracy is.

In Pakistan, we visited a country where a democratically elected government had only a few months before been toppled and replaced by a military ruler—another reminder of how privileged we are to live in the world's oldest and most secure democracy.

I am encouraged by my discussions with General Musharraf and very hopeful they can restore economic progress, restore democratic institutions, and can find a way with which to begin resolving the regional conflict that is so prevalent in all the conversations we had with leaders in both countries, India and Pakistan.

Democracies are not perpetual motion machines. As the great poet laureate Archibald MacLeish wrote:

> America is never finished. America is always becoming.

Every American has a responsibility to make our democracy work. But we who have been granted the privilege of serving in this body have a unique responsibility. The Congress is no ordinary institution. This is where Americans come to solve our common problems and shape our national destiny. This is also where younger democracies of the world turn for guidance and where people and nations not yet free look for hope. That was so evident in our conversations with people in all the countries we visited on this too brief a visit to the subcontinent a couple of weeks ago.

Are we going to live up to our responsibility to make this institution work, as we know it can? Are we going to meet the challenges before us and pass measures that will make a real difference in people's lives or are we simply going to pass time until the next election?

As we begin this new session of Congress, let us resolve together to surprise everyone and do what needs to be done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

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NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM TESTING

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, last week the Department of Defense conducted its most recent flight test of our National Missile Defense system. A great deal has been said and written about this test in the last few days—much of it erroneous—and I think it is important that we draw the correct conclusions about what this test does and does not mean.

The test conducted last week was one of a series of 18 scheduled flight tests of the National Missile Defense system, and only the second to actually attempt to intercept a strategic ballistic missile by colliding with it in space. The first test this past October was primarily a test of the vehicle that actually hits the target missile. Last week's test was significantly more complicated and involved additional, newly developed elements of the National Missile Defense system, such as the ground-based radar and the Battle Management Command, Control and Communications system. In fact, a senior Defense Department official told reporters before the test that the battle management system is: ''the most difficult and sophisticated part of this entire program.''

The latest test began with the launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. After its rocket engine burned out, the target missile deployed both a mock warhead and a balloon decoy intended to try to fool the interceptor missile. The missile was tracked by satellites and by the National Missile Defense system's ground-based radar at Kwajalein Atoll in the South Pacific, and the interceptor missile was launched to meet the target. It sighted the target missile and then closed on it.

While the interceptor did not hit the target warhead, it appeared that all of the systems tested functioned properly until the final six seconds of these, when the infrared sensors on the interceptor vehicle did not operate correctly—as they had in the October test.

While the failure to hit the target is disappointing, it is hardly justification for all the negative comments I have heard about last week's test. It's important to remember that a test program involves the testing of weapon systems to see if they perform as they were designed. The purpose of this test program is to uncover problems and correct them. If it were possible to take a design straight from the drawing board to the field, we wouldn't need testing programs. We test because we expect to find problems and try to solve them.

What's remarkable about the National Missile Defense testing is not that the intercept vehicle missed on the second test but that it succeeded on the first one. Many newly introduced elements had to work right on this most recent test even to achieve a near miss, and the really significant news on this test is that all of the new elements which added complexity to the challenge seemed to have performed very well; the only thing that apparently didn't work properly was the one element which was already proven to work in the October flight.

Some of the critics of missile defense have said this test was a major setback for the program. It was not. In fact, it demonstrated significant progress in the development of a workable and reliable National Missile Defense capability.

The October flight was primarily a test of the intercept vehicle and its ability to identify a target in space, discriminate between the warhead and a decoy, and collide with the warhead. It did exactly what it was designed to do, but critics of the program claimed that had the decoy not attracted the intercept vehicle's attention, it never would have detected the warhead. They argued that the system can not work when there are decoys, and only did work because there was a decoy.

As ridiculous as that sounds, it has been echoed by those who have long opposed missile defense in any form. An editorial in the New York Times claimed that the October success was ''lucky'' and occurred ''almost by accident.'' Now wait a minute and think about this. When two objects—each about the size of a chair, launched 4300 miles apart and traveling at a combined speed of 15,000 miles an hour—collide in the vastness of space 140 miles above the Earth's surface, that's not an accident. That's a demonstration of some very capable technology and engineering.

Clearly, for some, no amount of evidence will be convincing. But repeating something that's wrong doesn't make it right.

Predictably, some are urging the National Missile Defense program be slowed down or even shelved in the wake of last week's test. For some critics, delay or cancellation is always the right course of action when it comes to missile defense. Others suggest abandoning this program for another approach using different basing modes, but that will only delay the National Missile Defense deployment we need now. Still others believe the administration's assessment of technological readiness should be delayed in order to remove the decision from presidential politics. This, too, would be a mistake.

We have a National Missile Defense program because we have a growing vulnerability to the threat of ballistic missile attack. That threat will not wait for us to conduct a test program with perfect results, something that has never happened with any weapon system. Delay in deploying a defense against these missiles only serves the interests of our adversaries.

This threat is growing. We must all remember that this program is not just an academic exercise. The Senate passed the National Missile Defense Act last spring; in September the Intelligence Community released a new National Intelligence Estimate of the ballistic missile threat which, according to its unclassified summary, judges that some rogue states may have ICBMs much sooner than previously thought, and that those missiles will be more sophisticated than previously estimated. In just the past few weeks, British authorities intercepted components bound for Libya for missiles with three times the range of Tripoli's current arsenal. According to news reports from last week, the Director of Central Intelligence cannot rule out that Iran may already be able to build a nuclear weapon. And this past weekend, North Korea said it was reconsidering its declaration to refrain from any more long-range missile tests, though of course a moratorium on flight testing, however long, does not mean that North Korea isn't making progress on its missile development programs.

While the threat continues to intensify, we've already had too much delay in deploying a missile defense system. In fact, we are behind today precisely because those who counsel delay have long had their way, not because of any inherent problems with the technology. What's required now is that we stay the course we set for ourselves when we passed the National Missile Defense Act of 1999. That act makes it the policy of the United States to deploy a National Missile Defense system as soon as technologically possible. With the successful test in October and last week's test incorporating additional elements of the National Missile Defense system, the talented men and women of our armed forces and industry have demonstrated that this system is technologically possible. The test program is in its early stages and much can and will be done to refine the system between now and the start of missile production. But there is no question that this technology is not just within our reach but is actually in our grasp now.

I congratulate the Defense Department for the extraordinary technical accomplishments it has achieved so far, and urge it to continue to work to improve this important program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

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PAYING DOWN THE DEBT

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, before I start my principal subject, I will take a couple minutes to commend the Democratic leader for his earlier comments.

We are all ready to go to work, and tomorrow we start with the Budget

Committee. We are to hear from Chairman Greenspan from the Federal Reserve, and we are going to be talking about where we go from here in terms of the economy.

Based on what I hear in the various Presidential campaigns, it looks as though we are going to be discussing paying down the debt to some degree. The question is, to what degree? Where is it that we ought to be focusing the use of the significant balances, the surpluses we are going to see? I hope, consistent with Senator DASCHLE's comments, we will not be looking at tax cuts as a principal direction. To paraphrase Will Rogers, I never met anyone who didn't want to pay less taxes. But the fact is, our economy is moving at the pace it is for very specific reasons—encouraging investment, curbing our spending, and in many cases curbing it where it hurts but is necessary to get through this transitory period where we went from a debit balance to a credit balance. Looking at our surpluses and wondering about the debates, I contemplate where we are going to be spending these surpluses. I think the way to continue this prosperity, the way to make sure that America goes into this new century with as much energy as it can have, is to be looking at paying down the debt, paying it down as fully as we can, taking care of the essential programs that we know are needed by our constituents across the country.

The last thing I think people want to see is random tax cuts that benefit the wealthy to an unusually high degree, while those struggling to make a living are concerned about interest costs for mortgages, their schooling, and various other things that are an important part of basic life.

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EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGIC FIRE AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 244, which I introduced earlier today with Senator TORRICELLI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 244) expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey, on January 19, 2000.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, tragedy struck in New Jersey last week. It was obviously of enough significant interest that it was portrayed across the country. Three students who were 18 years old lost their lives in a dormitory fire, and several others were seriously injured. We are still waiting, with hope and prayer, to hear that they are going to be able to recover. This is virtually in my neighborhood back home. I know Seton Hall University well. I know the president and the archbishop of the diocese; we are very good friends.

Everybody wanted to reach out and do something. The first of the three funerals was held today. It is a sad day. It raises a question about what we should expect in a dormitory. Hindsight won't do us much good in this instance. The building they were in was built a long time ago. The tragic fire took place last Wednesday. The fire started inside a six-story residence hall. It took the lives of 3 students and injured 62 others, including at least 58 students, 2 police officers, and 2 firefighters.

Mr. President, we don't have to tell anybody that nothing is as painful as a senseless accident—which perhaps we can avoid seeing in the future—that takes the lives of young people. Anyone who is a parent or relative of an 18-year-old would be seriously grieved by what happened.

I know I speak for all of us in the Senate in extending our sympathies to the families of the three students who died in the fire. They are Frank Caltabilota of West Long Branch, NJ; John Giunta of Vineland, NJ; and Aaron Karol of Green Brook, NJ, whose funeral was the first one this morning.

We also extend our support and prayers to the families of the students and the others who were injured. We are tremendously grateful to the firefighters and the other people who worked so hard to prevent the loss of more lives.

It is still too early to know what caused this fire, but we must make sure, once the cause is known, that Federal, State, and local jurisdictions take whatever steps are necessary to prevent this from happening again. Students have a fundamental right to pursue an education in a safe, secure environment. Parents have a right to know their children are protected from harm while on school property.

Seton Hall University is holding a memorial service tomorrow for the victims of the fire. The enormity of this tragedy, however, extends far beyond the confines of Seton Hall University's campus. At the very least, the investigation of this catastrophe should sharpen our focus on fire prevention at campuses across the country and should mark this fire, Lord willing, as the last one of its kind.

I have introduced this resolution, which should pass the Senate today, expressing the sympathy of the entire Senate to the families of the victims and the Seton Hall community.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 244) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 244

Whereas at approximately 4:30 a.m. on January 19, 2000, a fire broke out in the commons area on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six story residence hall housing 600 students at Seton Hall University, and this fire took the lives of three students—Frank S. Caltabilota of West Long Branch, New Jersey, John N. Giunta of Vineland, New Jersey and Aaron C. Karol of Green Brook, New Jersey, and, in addition, 58 persons were injured, including 54 students, two South Orange firefighters and two South Orange police officers;

Whereas numerous Seton Hall students risked their own lives as the fire broke out to save the lives of their fellow dormitory residents;

Whereas firefighters, paramedics, police officers and other emergency personnel from the surrounding communities worked bravely into the early morning darkness to reduce casualties and extinguish the fire;

Whereas the entire Seton Hall University community has banded together in grief to remember the fallen students, and numerous people outside the university recognize the enormity of this tragedy and the need to do everything possible to keep it from happening again since every student should be able to pursue an education in a safe, secure environment:

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its sympathy to the families and friends of Frank S. Caltabilota, John N. Giunta and Aaron C. Karol on the occasion of the funeral service on January 25, 2000;

(2) expresses its hope for a speedy recovery to those students, firefighters and police officers injured in the fire;

(3) expresses its support for all of the students, faculty and staff at Seton Hall University as they heal from this tragedy;

(4) expresses its support and thanks to the brave firefighters, paramedics, police and other emergency workers who saved numerous lives;

(5) pledges to ensure that Federal, State and local government entities work together to prevent a tragedy like this from occurring again, so that our nation's college students can live, work and study in the safest possible environment.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

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THE TRAGIC FIRE AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, let me associate myself with the remarks of the Senator from New Jersey. I agree with him on the seriousness of the tragedy that befell his constituents in New Jersey. Several years ago, in Rhode Island, we had a similar tragic experience at another Dominican college, Providence College, where many students were injured and several were practically killed. All of us in America extend our sympathy to these families in New Jersey and to the Seton Hall University academic community.

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THE NIXON V. SHRINK MISSOURI GOVERNMENT PAC DECISION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to inform the Senate that today the U.S. Supreme Court, in

the case of Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC, upheld contribution limits in the campaign finance system of the United States.

This was a victory for our democracy. It was a victory for the voters because, essentially, what the Court said is that elections in the United States are about votes, not about money. They affirmed the core holding of Buckley v. Valeo that reasonable contribution limits in Federal campaigns—and today, by extension, in State elections—are constitutionally permissible. I was very pleased with this decision.

Several months ago, I organized an amicus curiae brief, which was submitted to the Supreme Court in this case, and advocated the position the Court adopted today—that contribution limits are, in fact, permissible under the Constitution of the United States.

Again, this is a victory for those who would like to see elections be contests of ideas rather than clashes of special interests, amplified by huge amounts of money. Today is a victory for voters who, by their decreasing numbers, show their disenchantment with the political system. They feel the system is not about ideas or candidates' positions, but really about the candidates' treasure chests. This feeling is a corrosive force that undermines democracy in this country. Well, today, the Supreme Court held the line and declared that we can impose reasonable limits on campaign contributions.

As Justice Souter said in his opinion, this is a situation in which the perception of corruption is as powerful as the reality of corruption. If voters perceive that the system is not benefiting them, but benefitting a special few who contribute, they will lose faith in the system. That loss of faith will ultimately disrupt our ability to conduct a democratic government here in the United States.

The decision today also indicates that we have both the opportunity and, I argue, the obligation to move forward on broader campaign finance reform. Today, the court said that, in fact, we can limit direct contributions of hard dollars to campaigns. By extension, they give us, I hope, the impetus to go ahead and extend these limits to soft money, because we all recognize that soft money is dominating the political scene today. As we speak, an avalanche of soft money is entering into our political system as part of the Presidential campaign and various federal and state campaigns for office. Soft money contributions were 75 percent higher in 1999 than in the same period in 1997. We can do something about this. The Supreme Court has confirmed our ability to legislate, and we should move very quickly and very forcefully to adopt, I believe, a total ban on soft money—but at the minimum to impose limits on soft money.

If we don't do that, again we will undermine the faith and the trust of the people of this country in our electoral system. They trust and have faith that we are a nation ruled by votes and not by the size of political contributions.

We have lots of work to do, and we should begin immediately. I sense, as many do, that one of the reasons we have been stalling on campaign finance reform in this body is because some people were able to offer up an easy excuse, that we should wait to see if contribution limits are going to be upheld by the Court as constitutional.

The Supreme Court has now decided. They have spoken in a very strong voice today, by a vote of 6 to 3, and declared that reasonable limits on contributions are constitutionally appropriate. As a result, I believe we should take their decision Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC case and build on it by limiting soft money and other forms of indirect contributions.

Let me quote from Justice Souter:

> . . . there is little reason to doubt that sometimes large contributions will work actual corruption of our political system, and no reason to question the existence of a corresponding suspicion among voters.

Today's decision is an anecdote to that suspicion, but the real cure will come when we adopt comprehensive campaign finance reform by outlawing soft money and placing other reasonable restrictions on the electoral process.

Today the Court discharged their responsibility. Now it is time to take up ours. The Supreme Court declared that we can act. We should act. I hope this decision will be a source of energy for us this Congress, so that we can work together on a bipartisan basis for adoption of reasonable and sensible campaign finance reform.

I thank the President. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, before Senator REED leaves the floor, I wish to commend my colleague from Rhode Island for all of his leadership on this issue. I was proud to join him as one Member of this body on the brief. He has consistently talked about the need to drain the swamp that has become America's system of financing campaigns. I share his view.

I note also Senator HOLLINGS is here as well. Senator HOLLINGS I think is absolutely right as well in saying that we probably ought to have a constitutional amendment to ensure we have comprehensive campaign finance reform. But the good news is that the Supreme Court today opened a window for meaningful reform opportunities and meaningful reform legislation.

I commend my colleague from Rhode Island for all of his leadership.

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I will be brief this afternoon. I note Senator HOLLINGS is here and also Senator GRAMS.

I come to the floor because last fall I indicated that I would come to the floor of the Senate again and again until this body passed bipartisan legislation to make sure the Nation's older people secure prescription drug coverage under Medicare. We have had some very exciting developments on this issue in recent days. I think all the work that has been put in by so many parties is beginning to pay off.

I think the reason there is such intense interest in this issue is that while Medicare provides important health insurance coverage for older people, its coverage still today has many gaps. In particular, it doesn't cover prescription medicine.

There is not anyone I know today—Democrat or Republican—who would argue that if we are going to redesign Medicare now, we would leave prescription drugs out. Quite the contrary. Virtually everyone who has studied this issue believes prescription drug coverage is absolutely critical because today's medicines are key to keeping older people well. The drugs of the future are going to help lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

I cited on the floor of the Senate the important anticoagulant medicines. If you spend perhaps $1,000 or $1,500 in a year, you can prevent stroke. If an older person suffers a stroke as a result of not having access to those medicines, they could incur expenses of $100,000 or more. So the need is intense.

This is an issue that must be addressed in a bipartisan way. For many months now, there has been a bipartisan effort in the Senate. Senator SNOWE and I have teamed up on legislation which we believe, using marketplace principles, addresses many of the concerns Senators on both sides of the aisle have had. It doesn't contain price controls or a sort of one-size-fits-all approach.

We would allow for a tobacco tax to finance the program. We don't require one. We say that it would be possible to finance the program using the general fund. But 54 Members of the Senate, a majority of the Senate, voted for the SNOWE-WYDEN funding plan for prescription drug coverage for older people. We now have a majority of the Senate in a recorded vote saying they would be willing to pay the dollars needed for a good prescription drug benefit for older people.

Our approach in the Snowe-Wyden legislation focuses on making these drugs accessible and affordable. Right now Medicare, of course, doesn't cover prescriptions. But just as importantly, older people, when they can afford their medicine, and go to a drugstore are, in effect, having to subsidize the big buyers—the HMOs and the health plans that can negotiate discounts.

In effect, the older people are getting shellacked twice when it comes to this issue of prescription drugs. They get no coverage. They have to subsidize the benefits, in effect, of those who have real bargaining power—those who are on the health plans.

I would like to wrap up with a couple of minutes on an issue that I know is important to South Carolina and in Minnesota, as well as my home State of Oregon. That is the plight of rural older people. There has been some discussion of this prescription drug issue, of course, on the floor of the Senate, but never before has there been a focus on the special needs of older people in rural communities.

In my State—and I know in the States of Senator HOLLINGS and Senator GRAMS as well—if you live in a rural community, you have fewer physicians available to write medications. You have fewer pharmacies so that medication is not accessible. You have to drive longer distances in order to get your medicine.

We found, according to the Oregon Health Sciences University's Office of Rural Health, that a conservative number of seniors in rural Oregon who live in poverty is 16,500. I can tell you, having gone through many of those rural communities during the break, that there is a special need for coverage for prescription drugs for older people in rural communities.

I will wrap up by reading a few of the accounts older people from rural Oregon have sent me about the problems they are having in affording their medicine. An elderly couple, for example, in Baker City depending solely on Social Security takes prescription drugs for chronic back ailments. After they purchase their monthly medication, they have only $200 for that month left over to pay for their necessities.

They wrote me, and I am going to quote: ''. . . that is not living, that is existing.''

I think all of us know you cannot live on $200 a month. Yet that is what an older couple in Baker City, OR, are faced with after they finish paying for their prescription medicine.

In Clatsop County, after an older couple paid for their supplemental coverage, they had to spent $450 a month on their prescription medicine. They fear their supplemental insurance premium is going to go up again this year. That is always the case. They are then going to have to stop taking their medication altogether.

In Coos County, a 75-year-old female resident is getting by on a fixed income of about $800 a month. Every single month she is spending more than 25 percent of her monthly income on prescription medicine.

One older woman in that county lives on Social Security and doesn't have any prescription drug coverage at all. She is now at the point where she cannot afford spending the necessary $200 a month for her medications.

Before I came to Congress, I tried to specialize in the gerontology field. As sure as night follows day, when we have a vulnerable older woman who cannot, in a cold Oregon winter, afford to take her medications, she is going to get much sicker. Very often she will end up in the hospital needing extensive medical services that are available under what is called Part A of the Medicare program, the institutional program.

We ask: Can we afford to cover prescription drug medicine? That example I just gave of the older woman in Coos County makes it very clear this country cannot afford not to cover prescription drugs for older people under Medicare. If older folks do not get these medications, they are going to get sick and the medical bills will be far higher.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD many other cases from rural Oregon.

There being no objection, the material ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

RURAL CASE STUDIES

A 75-year-old hearing impaired woman from Coquille living on Social Security does not have any prescription drug coverage. She cannot afford spending the necessary $200 a month for her medications.

Deschutes County: An 83-year-old woman from Sisters and her 79-year-old husband are currently taking 12 prescription drugs to treat diabetes, osteoarthritis and hypertension. Their sole source of income is Social Security, and they incur a cost of $400 a month for these medications, which represents 25% of their income.

Lincoln County: An 81-year-old widow from Toledo currently takes eight prescription drugs daily for glaucoma, angina and high blood pressure. Social Security is her only income, and her Medicare supplemental insurance policy does not cover the medication. If she doesn't use her eye drops she will go blind, and if she cuts down the dosage on her other medication, due to expense, she is in danger of having a stroke or a heart attack.

Linn County: A 78-year-old woman living in Lebanon suffers from hypertension. She is presently taking six prescription drugs: Atenolol, Ziac, Zestril, Cimetidine, Quinidine and Xanax. She spends an average of $236.92 a month on these drugs. This figure does not count her considerable expense on over-the-counter medication and vitamins.

A retired couple from Lebanon live on a combined Social Security income of $990 a month. They suffer from arthritis, high blood pressure and osteoporosis. Because of the increasing financial strain, they can no longer afford their medications.

Umatilla County: An elderly couple from Pendleton lives on a combined fixed income of $1,269 a month from Social Security and relies solely on Medicare for their health insurance. The 76-year-old husband has Parkinson's disease and glaucoma, while his 73-year-old wife, who suffers from heart problems, has skipped her medication at times when she couldn't afford it. Without any drug coverage, they collectively spend $800 a month—63% of their income—on their 14 prescriptions.

A 74-year-old man who takes six prescription drugs a month cannot survive on his Social Security and Medicare benefits. His niece must help him pay the $500 month for his prescriptions.

A retired teacher from Pendleton is taking eight medications for chronic back pain. She spends $200 a month on her prescription drugs.

Wasco County: An elderly couple from The Dalles depends on their combined monthly Social Security income of $1,263 and profits from the sale of their family farm to survive. Even though they have supplemental insurance, health care costs are still high. In addition to considerable medical expenses for eyeglasses, hearing aids and other health care needs, they spend over $250 a month on prescription drugs to treat asthma and high blood pressure.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I will come to the floor of this Senate again and again and again these next few months to urge bipartisan action on this issue. The Snowe-Wyden legislation is one approach. Certainly, our colleagues will have other good ideas. There are a variety of ways this issue can be addressed in a bipartisan way. I am pleased our approach garnered 54 votes when it came to actually paying for it.

I intend, with Senator SNOWE, to continue to urge older people to send in copies of their prescription drug bills to each Member in the Senate in Washington, DC, so we can read their personal accounts into the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FITZGERALD). The Senator from South Carolina.

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SEATTLE

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, the World Trade Conference in Seattle was violence run amok. But it was a good reminder of the trauma that brought about our nation's high standard of living. Labor rights were obtained only after the murder of workers at Hay Market Square in Chicago. Environmental protection was obtained only after poisoned deaths at Love Canal. Safety laws were obtained only after poisoned food, poisoned drugs, and babies burned in their cribs. It took the trauma of class actions to make America aware of tobacco's injury, and it took President Teddy Roosevelt to hem in the robber barons with antitrust laws. The excesses of the free market—of free trade—can only be controlled by government. The peaceful demonstrators in Seattle were demonstrating against government's failure to control.

The threat of ''free trade'' was America's first lesson. The fledgling colony had just won its freedom when the mother country counselled ''free trade''. It was Riccardo's famous doctrine of ''comparative advantage''. Britain would trade with us what it produced best—the United States would trade back what it produced best. Alexander Hamilton, in his famous booklet ''Reports on Manufacturers,'' told the Brits to ''bug off.'' ''We are not going to remain your colony, exporting our timber, iron, and agriculture—and importing the finished products from England.'' The second bill (the first was for the U.S. Seal) to pass the national Congress on July 4, 1789 was ''protectionist''—a tariff bill of 50 percent over sixty-some articles. Later, when it was suggested that we import the steel for the transcontinental railroad, Abraham Lincoln said, ''No'', and a high tariff was imposed on steel. In the Depression, Roosevelt saved the family farm with subsidies and protective quotas. And it

was President Eisenhower who placed quotas on oil. World War II was won in the main by the United States' industrial and agricultural might—might built with protectionism.

After World War II the United States had the world's only industry. The task was to build a free market—to defeat communism with capitalism. The government—not the free market—instituted the Marshall Plan; sent money, equipment and expertise abroad for Europe and the Pacific Rim to rebuild. Today, our problem is that the Marshall Plan worked. The vanquished of World War II have become victors in production, in market share, in the global competition. Today, Japan produces more than the United States—and has the largest balance of trade; the United States the largest deficit in trade. We have tried and tried to open markets by setting the example, pleading ''free trade,'' giving away market share, giving away our technology, giving away our production. But nations, like the United States in the early days, are determined to build their industrial strength, and today controlled capitalism governs trade. Technology is obtained; market share is seized; production is transferred with controlled capitalism. Trade is not free, not controlled.

The fall of the Wall has presented us with a new threat. Four billion workers have been liberated from communism and oppression. They are ready to work regardless of pay, safety or the environment. It's a given in manufacture that labor costs represent 30 percent of volume and you can save as much as 20 percent of volume by moving your production to a low wage country. Technology now can be transferred on a computer chip to any place in the world—and finance it by satellite. A corporation with $500 million in sales can retain its executive office and sales force in-country, but move its production to a low wage country and make $100 million before taxes. Or it can continue to work its own employees and go bankrupt. The rush is for production offshore—downsize onshore—and keep crying ''free trade.''

These corporations and our competitors have been spoiled. At all the trade conferences they have come to expect the Special Trade Representative to arrive bearing gifts. They know the United States doesn't enforce its trade laws. They know the President and the Congress are controlled by corporate money. They have come to expect the United States to come crying ''fair trade'', but giving away the store. President Clinton's invitation to Seattle was like an invite to a birthday party. But rather than bearing gifts, the demonstrators caused the President to call for labor rights and environmental protection. The competition was so spoiled they took the United States' position at Seattle as an invasion of their sovereignty.

The security of the United States is like a three legged stool. The one leg of the Nation's values is admired the world around. The second leg of military power is unquestioned. But the third leg of economic strength has been fractured. For 50 years we have been losing production, technology and market share. Today, this threatens a loss of the middle class, the weakening of our democracy—the loss of our security as a nation. When Henry Ford started the assembly line he wanted to be sure that his workers could make enough to buy the car they were producing. thus began the strong middle class in America. The labor movement brought health care and other benefits so that the worker could buy a home, pay for health care, send their kids to college and afford a vacation trip. The WTO puts this social contract in jeopardy. It's one-size-fits-all capitalism only dumbs down America's standard of living.

For years the United States has had and continues to have the most productive industrial worker in the world. But we have less and less of them each year. The cold war policy of free trade sacrificed our electronics, textiles, shoes, steel, hand tools, shipbuilding, etc. Jack Welch of General Electric has just instituted an affirmative action plan to export GE's jobs to Mexico. Now, with NAFTA, the rest of our manufacturing is headed South. Worse, the internet doesn't provide enough jobs to build a nation—and it doesn't export. Microsoft, rated the No. 1 industry in America, has only 22,000 jobs in the United States compared to General Motors with 250,000. As Akio Morita cautioned years ago, ''That world power that loses its manufacturing capacity will cease to be a world power.'' The United States becomes weaker each day.

The time has come to break with the failed trade policies of the past and instead pursue a policy that zealously promotes the national interest while at the same time remains true to our core values of promoting both economic growth and social justice. This will only be accomplished by recognizing that the WTO system is a relic of a bygone era. The WTO system was an instrument of the cold war. It served as an adjunct in the much larger strategic struggle between East and West. It required the U.S. to sustain concessions necessary to maintain the cohesion of the Western alliance. For all the talk about opening markets, WTO and its predecessor, the GATT, have proven to be abysmal failures. In 1979, Ambassador Robert Strauss proclaimed that the Tokyo round will open new markets for U.S. companies, yet from the Tokyo round to the Uruguay round, the U.S. racked up over a trillion dollars worth of trade deficits. In 1994, President Clinton proclaimed that the Uruguay round would crack open markets. Since that time the U.S. continued with record trade deficits and last year recorded its first $300 billion deficit. In each successive round, the U.S. agreed to asymmetrical market opening commitments. Each time we concluded a round, the trade deficit widened. Perhaps the WTO system's biggest failure is its claim that it is raising living standards. The argument made in Seattle was that market forces alone would raise living standards—an argument we rejected in our own country at the turn of the century.

The reality is that unfettered free trade has unleashed a race to the bottom as nations in the developing world engage in a vicious competition to attract foreign investment. For example, in his book ''One World Ready or Not, Bill Greider vividly describes this race to the bottom, ''The toy industry—much like textiles and garments, shoes, electronics assembly and other low-wage sectors—existed (and thrived) by exploiting a crude ladder of desperate competition among the poorest nations. Its factories regularly hopped to new locations where wages were even lower, where the governments would be even more tolerant of abusive practices.''

We must rebuild. Get real! No more of this ''setting the example.'' No more crying, ''free trade,'' ''fair trade,'' ''level the playing field.'' No more of this harassing others to be like us. Our job is to compete; to protect labor, protect our environment, protect our production—to protect the United States' standard of living. The free market won't do this. Only government will. Protection is the fundamental of government. We have the Army to protect us from without, the FBI to protect us from within. We have Social Security to protect us from the ravages of old age, Medicare and Medicaid to protect us from ill health. We have EPA to protect the environment, FDA to protect our food and drugs, the FCC to protect communications, the FAA to protect air travel, the Consumer Protection Agency to provide safe products, and the Federal Trade Commission to protect us from the restraint of trade. Don't be misled by the cry of ''globalization.'' This is the chant of our corporate fifth column. Silicon Valley is not the answer. This is the crowd that government gave the Internet; that government trained at Illinois and Stanford; that government subsidized with sematech; and now the billionaires all want to eliminate the estate tax, eliminate capital gains, eliminate state tort laws, eliminate the immigration laws, eliminate taxes on the Internet, eliminate the antitrust laws—just eliminate the government. Let's stop running against government. We are the government. Our task is to make government work. Our responsibility, is to keep America strong.

We must organize to do battle. The first order of business is to eliminate the Special Trade Representative who looks to desert and represent some country against us. Next, merge and downsize the 28 departments and agencies that now deal with trade into a Department of Trade and Commerce.

Then organize Congress' handling of trade issues. Our competition presents a solid front. Any trade measure to protect America's jobs is immediately opposed by Japan's 100 consultants and law firms, by America's big banks, the Trilateral Commission, the Business Roundtable, the National Manufacturers Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Business, the consultants and campuses financed by corporate America, the retailers, the newspaper editorialists financed by the retailers, the business lobbyists, and most of the 60,000 lawyers in Washington. Trade bills today are passed in Congress by multinational corporations joining with the foreigners and, thereupon, the President garners the votes with local pork. The common good is ignored.

Once organized, we must repeal the tax laws that subsidize the export of American jobs. Then abolish the International Trade Commission that habitually cancels the findings of injury by the International Trade Administration. Remove the Executive veto of trade findings so that an industry fighting for relief can count on it when upheld by the courts. In short, enforce our trade laws now on the books. This will stabilize domestic production. This will restore trust in government.

The symbol of the Seattle ministerial was not the black hooded hoodlums intent on causing mayhem. Instead, they were Boeing machinists who led the large labor marches that snaked through the streets of Seattle. Boeing, an export powerhouse, was supposed to stand out as a shining example of the open trading system. But Boeing is experiencing the loss of jobs to government-financed Airbus; to China where the price of admission into the Chinese market is an agreement to shift production from the United States to factories in mainland China. The machinists did not join the mayhem. They trust the government to act in their interest—to act in the United States' interest. For this to happen, as Lincoln said, ''The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country.''

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

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PROTECT THE SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE SURPLUS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, tonight at the very beginning of the second session of the 106th Congress, I rise to talk about legislation that I introduced earlier today—on a vitally important issue: protection of the Social Security and Medicare surplus.

My legislation reassures the American people that Congress and the Administration will not spend a penny of their Social Security and Medicare money and it creates a mechanism to enforce our commitment to protecting these surpluses.

This ''look-back'' enforcement mechanism is simple and straightforward. It basically says if Congress and the Administration indeed spend any of the Social Security and Medicare surplus in the previous fiscal year, an automatic reduction in Government discretionary spending, including congressional Members' pay, will be triggered. The money will be returned to the Social Security and Medicare trust funds. It would work similarly to the sequester of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, but applies to spending of Social Security and Medicare surplus funds. I stress the sequester could not cut any Medicare or other entitlement programs.

Unlike similar legislation I introduced last year, this bill adds the Medicare surplus into the protection. The Medicare part A surplus will be about $20 billion this year. This surplus should also be preserved for senior's medical expenses only, not for any general Government spending.

My legislation would in effect prevent anyone, whether it is the Congress or the administration, from raiding the Social Security and Medicare surplus.

I believe this is a crucial step to truly protect the Social Security and Medicare surplus and save it exclusively for Americans' retirement and medical needs, not for tax relief, and not for government spending.

Let me explain why we need this legislation.

First and foremost, the American people do not understand why budget rules do not protect the Social Security and Medicare surplus. I have traveled intensively throughout Minnesota during this congressional recess. Everywhere I went, Minnesotans told me that the Federal Government's practice of so-called ''borrowing'' from the Social Security and Medicare trust funds must be stopped, and Americans' retirement funds must be secured.

They are very worried that the retirement funds will not be there for them, and they are concerned that the Government will not be able to return the over $750 billion already ''borrowed'' and spent by the Government. They want me to take every measure possible to protect their retirement security and their future health care needs.

Last December, the Congressional Budget Office's end of the session summary estimated that Congress spent $17 billion of the Social Security surplus and exceeded the spending caps by $7 billion in budget authority and $17 billion in outlays.

In addition, Congress spent every penny of the $14 billion non-Social Security surplus which we promised to return to working Americans as tax relief.

The Congressional Budget Office also reported that increased revenue would present a more favorable picture. On Wednesday, the CBO is expected to issue its new estimates and it appears likely that Americans' tax overpayments will enable us to avoid spending any of the Social Security surplus.

However, my concerns are, first, the CBO December estimate gives the general public the impression that we failed to keep our promise to protect the Social Security surplus and that we are now covering it up with budgetary smoke and mirrors.

Second, as a result, we have to use additional tax overpayments to fund the increased government spending, even if the new CBO estimate shows we did not spend the Social Security surplus.

Already, lawmakers are talking about how to spend the rest of the non-Social Security surplus in an Supplemental emergency early this year.

Because of this propensity to spend, I believe the look-back proposal is essential to protect us now and in the future from the temptation to spend ''just a little'' the Social Security and Medicare surpluses.

Further, I have argued repeatedly before the Senate that economic forecasting is more of an art than a science. Many uncertainties, risks, and factors are involved. We have a budget of over $1.8 trillion based on a variety of assumptions, estimates, forecasts and projections, with people using both Congressional Budget Office numbers and Office of Management and Budget. It is highly likely that there are errors in this budget. If the error occurs in Social Security spending, we must have a mechanism to correct it.

Another compelling reason for this legislation is that we are facing even more severe budget constraints and spending pressures this year because according to the CBO, the discretionary budget authority for fiscal year 2001 is about $542 billion, which is $18 billion less than the amount appropriated for 2000.

What's worse, $23 billion out of the $542 billion cap has already been appropriated as advance funding in the 2000 appropriations bills. President Clinton has already talked about breaking the caps which he agreed to, by the way, in 1997.

Although we may have more on-budget surplus this year, which is supposed to be returned to the taxpayers in the form of tax relief and debt reduction, there is no guarantee Congress and the administration will not touch the Social Security and Medicare surplus.

Since we all have agreed that saving Social Security should be our top priority and have committed to not spending the Social Security surplus for Government programs, we must do everything we can to prevent the Government from spending the Social Security and Medicare surpluses. We need to find a better way to keep our promise to the American people.

Senators on my side of the aisle have made a number of attempts to create a

lockbox to lock in every penny of the Social Security surplus exclusively for Americans' retirement. Unfortunately, opposition by the other side has blocked the establishment of this safe lockbox. Some opposed because Medicare was not included. My proposal does protect Medicare.

The ''look-back'' mechanism in my legislation is our best option. It will force the Government to live up to our pledge that not a penny of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses will be spent to fund either last year's or this year's appropriations.

If our spending plans do pass and we would again, unintentionally wind up spending Social Security, we must be able to keep our commitment to the American people, by scaling back other spending to save Social Security. Without this mechanism Congress and the President may spend some of the Social Security surplus by using inaccurate estimates.

The remedy in my bill is a simple one and it should be passed early before we face a problem, so we cannot play the blame game if a re-estimate shows spending of Social Security or Medicare surpluses.

In an era of budget surplus, extra prudence and effort is needed to keep ourselves from spending more than we can afford. On principle, we must do everything we can to ensure Washington will not touch any Social Security money.

Protecting the Social Security and Medicare surpluses from funding government operations is the last defense of fiscal discipline. I cannot emphasize how vitally important this line of defense is for both political parties because if we lose this defense, our credibility and accountability with the American people will be gone.

I strongly believe we should continue to stress our promise to the American people. We must make protection of the Social Security and Medicare surpluses our top priority and ensure that not a penny of Americans' retirement needs is used for Government spending.

Again, I believe this can be easily achieved by passing my ''look-back'' legislation which will allow us to enforce that commitment.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

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BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have worked this afternoon to try to come up with something that is fair and reasonable. I think we have done that. With this agreement, we should be able to complete the bankruptcy legislation that has been pending for some time now.

Mr. GRAMS. I thank the Senator.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 625

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote with respect to S. 625 be vitiated and, further, that order No. 109 be modified by the following:

I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of S. 625, the following be the only amendments in order and they be considered under the limitations as stated, with any debate times equally divided in the usual form, and the ability to withdraw any of the amendments be in order for the author of the amendment without further consent:

Wellstone amendment No. 2537, lifeline accounts; Wellstone amendment No. 2538, debt collection; Craig amendment No. 2651, pawnshops, 15 minutes; Levin amendment No. 2658, gun manufacturers, 120 minutes; Feingold amendment No. 2747, arbitration, 60 minutes; Feingold amendment No. 2748, evictions, be modified to reflect the text of 2779, and there be 30 minutes for debate on amendment number 2748; Feingold amendment No. 2667, East Timor, as modified to reflect the sense of the Senate, 60 minutes; Reed-Sessions correction of amendment No. 2650, 10 minutes; Schumer amendment No. 2762, safe harbor, 15 minutes; Schumer amendment No. 2763, clinic violence, 40 minutes; an amendment by the majority leader or his designee regarding debts incurred by violence, 40 minutes; Harkin amendment No. 2770, household liens, 20 minutes; Sarbanes amendment No. 2517, as modified, consumer credit disclosure; and one amendment to be agreed to by both managers.

I also ask consent that any other pending amendment not mentioned above be withdrawn, and further that no motions to commit or recommit be in order.

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

Mr. GRAMS. Finally, I ask consent that following the disposition of the above amendments, the bill be read a third time, the Senate then proceed to the House companion measure, H.R. 833, all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of S. 625 be inserted in lieu thereof, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of H.R. 833, as amended. I further ask consent that following the vote the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the bill, S. 625, be placed back on the calendar.

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

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NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the following nominations be returned to the President. I now send that list of nominations to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The list of nominations is received.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The list is as follows:

Air National Guard Colonel James V. Dugar, PN–203

Air National Guard Colonel Van P. Williams, PN–389

Air Force Reserve Colonel Jerry D. Willoughby, PN–526

Army Major General Charles Mahan, PN–292

Army Reserve Brigadier General Bruce B. Bingham, PN–655

Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade Craig Leaphart, PN–280–2

Navy Lieutenant Commander Bradley S. Russell, PN–350–2

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APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces the following appointment made by the President pro tempore during the sine die adjournment:

Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, on behalf of the President pro tempore, after consultation with the majority and minority leaders, the appointment of the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS).

The Chair announces the following appointment made by the Democratic leader, the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), during the sine die adjournment:

Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 105–277, on behalf of the Democratic leader, who consulted with the minority leader of the House, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: C. Fred Bergsten, of Virginia, vice Paul A. Volcker, of New York, resigned.

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MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.J. RES. 84

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, there is a joint resolution at the desk which was received earlier from the House of Representatives. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 84) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

Mr. GRAMS. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bill will be read on the next legislative day.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 376

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate withdraw its request of November 19, 1999, for a conference on S. 376, and agree to the conference, with the same conferees previously appointed by the Senate, requested by the House of Representatives on November 10, 1999, which message was transmitted to the Senate on January 24, 2000.

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

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK E. SCHEUERMANN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am reminded each time I look to the sky of the reach Americans have made to the heavens. I am extremely proud that every manned spaceflight since the Apollo program has been powered by engines tested at a facility in my home State of Mississippi, the John C. Stennis Space Center. There, a dedicated group of professionals labors largely unheralded to ensure the performance and safety of the engines that propel our astronauts into space. Although I have known many of these outstanding Mississippians in my years in Congress, I only recently had the opportunity to work closely with one of these professionals. The leadership at NASA decided to offer a legislative fellowship to Congress to one of NASA Stennis' rising stars, Mr. Patrick Scheuermann.

Patrick arrived on Capitol Hill in January, 1999, at the beginning of a very busy opening session of the 106th Congress. Although many thought other proceedings that opened the 106th would supercede a legislative agenda, the Senate professional and personal staffs ensured that, in the background, the business of Congress stayed in motion. Patrick cut his teeth in the difficult staff preparations for the legislative cycle that would take place around the issues that dominated the Senate floor. An effort was underway at NASA to reinvigorate manned space flight and to reduce the cost of getting to space. Patrick was assigned to research and report on these initiatives and to keep my legislative staff briefed on their status through the Authorization and Appropriations process.

Patrick approached his assignment with the interest of someone who not only enjoys what he does, but with the infectious enthusiasm that brings others onboard as well. My staff quickly became knowledgeable of the many NASA programs that together form our Nation's efforts to reach space. I found more and more space related meetings on the calendar. As the Session progressed, the Senate led the charge to complete the first NASA Authorization Bill in many years. One hundred million dollars was added to the NASA budget to develop third generation reusable launch vehicle technology, a program known as Spaceliner 100. Patrick's ability to explain the facets of NASA's programs to legislative staffers and his vigilance as changes developed ensured the ultimate success of these endeavors. His detailed understanding of Stennis Space Center's capabilities and assets also proved to be of great value in assessing the facility's potential for commercial activities.

Patrick has a long history with the Space Program. After earning his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Orleans, he made his first foray into the world of Rocket Science as a contract test engineer, testing Space Shuttle Main Engines at the Stennis Space Center. This brought him across the ''Great Divide'' that is the Pearl River and firmly onto Mississippi soil where the NASA hierarchy recognized and recruited the talented young engineer. Although our neighbors across the Pearl claim Patrick as a native son, Mississippians have adopted him for his hard work and strength of character. He also made the grade through his success in attracting one of Greater Picayune's finest, Miss Sarah Melissa Lee to be his bride. Together they have added to Mississippi's fame through their beautiful children, Chandler and Christina. Although I am sorry to lose the talent and expertise that Patrick brought to my staff, I am pleased that his return to the Stennis Space Center foretells many more years of innovation and success at this vital national treasure.

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TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN DIMENTO, U.S. NAVY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding Naval Officer, Lieutenant Commander John Di Mento, upon his departure from my staff. Lieutenant Commander Di Mento was selected as a Navy Fellow to work in my office because of his professional reputation and his knowledge of the Navy Oceanography program and the military presence in my home state. Not a Mississippian by birth, he earned the respect of Mississippians during his long service in the state from 1990 through 1996, and through his impressive display of good judgement when he married the former Chenaey Bourgeois of Bay Saint Louis. Together they have added to Mississippi's fame through their beautiful daughter, Colby.

Lieutenant Commander Di Mento entered the United States Naval Academy in 1983 and was commissioned as an Ensign upon graduation in 1987. He earned a Master's Degree in Oceanography and began his career as a Naval Oceanographer as the Executive Officer of Oceanographic Unit Three, surveying over 100,000 miles of the ocean floor in a year deployed. He returned from sea and reported to the Naval Oceanographic Office in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. He worked extensively in ocean modeling and remote sensing, and flew aerial oceanographic surveys with Oceanographic Development Squadron Eight, in the process earning his Naval Aviation Observer wings. Later assigned as Oceanographer on USS *Kearsarge*, Lieutenant Commander Di Mento qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. He was commended for his performance during Operation Noble Obelisk, where he was responsible for the processing, care, and movement of over 2,500 refugees rescued by *Kearsarge* from the civil war in Sierra Leone from embarkation through debarkation.

Ashore, Lieutenant Commander Di Mento served briefly on the staff of the Oceanographer of the Navy at the U.S. Naval Observatory. He later served two years as Flag Aide and Executive Assistant for Rear Admiral Paul Gaffney, II, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command following a year as Flag Aide to his predecessor, Rear Admiral John Chubb. His only other tour ashore found him navigating the sometimes treacherous waters here on Capitol Hill.

Lieutenant Commander Di Mento quickly became a valued member of my staff where he led several legislative initiatives that enormously benefitted the Department of Defense, the Navy, and the State of Mississippi. He provided a great deal of research and analysis while the Senate initiated broad reform of military pay and benefits. His work led to the most significant piece of legislation for service members since 1981. The leadership, integrity, and limitless energy that defined his naval career served him well in his term as a Legislative Fellow.

Lieutenant Commander Di Mento's many awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards. Lieutenant Commander Di Mento will be missed on the staff, but his return to the Naval Service is a benefit to our great Nation. He has great things ahead of him. On behalf of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I wish Lieutenant Commander Di Mento, ''Fair Winds and Following Seas.''

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JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH ADDRESS AT THE LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON LIBRARY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, last spring I joined my colleagues in honoring President Lyndon Baines Johnson when we hung a portrait of our former president on the one blank wall left in the President's Room in our nation's capitol. As I noted at that time, I could think of no other president or American who was as deserving of this honor as LBJ.

As the Senate Majority Leader and President, LBJ was a man of immense skill, dedication and compassion. He is remembered by most Americans as a great leader whose strength of personality helped him preside over an extremely productive Senate that expanded Social Security, created the Interstate Highway system, and passed one of the most important civil rights laws of the 20th Century. Less well known, however, is LBJ's tremendous ability to compromise. He truly believed in the message of his favorite Bible verse: ''Come, let us reason together.'' Our nation and our government needs more men and women who share this powerful belief.

Today, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues and all Americans another aspect of LBJ's legacy that too often has been overlooked—his work to bring justice to disen-

franchised ethnic minorities and to improve the lot of the large number of Americans suffering in unimaginable poverty. John Kenneth Galbraith, the noted economist and former presidential aide, recently highlighted LBJ's accomplishments in this area in an important speech at the LBJ library in Austin, Texas.

As Professor Galbraith noted, historians often view LBJ's administration in terms of its involvement in the Vietnam War. While we should never underestimate the impact that war had on our country, historians are remiss to view LBJ through this narrow prism. Those who do fail to acknowledge his meaningful and lasting accomplishments in expanding civil rights, protecting voting rights, and fighting poverty. These victories have forever changed the face of America for the better.

Professor Galbraith's speech is based on his personal and professional relationship with LBJ. It is a testament to LBJ's leadership and a tribute to the sometimes overlooked legacy of the Great Society. This speech is an important step towards setting the historical record straight and establishing a legacy of LBJ's Administration that is historically accurate as well as comprehensive.

I ask unanimous consent that Professor Galbraith's speech be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the speech was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LYNDON JOHNSON: HISTORY RECONSIDERED

(By John Kenneth Galbraith)

The task of the historian is never finished. As first written, history responds to the dramatic, tragic or otherwise seemingly dominant events of the time. Only in later, more careful, more detached and, one trusts, professionally more competent view does the deeper truth emerge. Were it otherwise, historians would not be needed; history would not have to be reconsidered and rewritten. It is with such reconsideration I am here concerned—with an historical view in need of substantial modification. I am seeking the needed historical reappraisal of Lyndon Baines Johnson, a revision and correction of a history with which I was myself associated, had a modest role, and one to which I have contributed. I here offer a more thoughtful, I trust more informed, view of Lyndon Johnson, and notably as President of the United States. First, a word of personal history.

Lyndon Johnson was my age, or I his—he was born August 27, 1908, I a month and a half later. We were both of an amply celebrated rural origin, and both had our early education in country schools, rural-oriented colleges. Johnson arrived in Washington as a congressional aide in 1931, I for a markedly less impressive sojourn in 1934. We were both interested in agriculture; I had a minor role with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration—the Triple A—which continued as I went on that year to Harvard. Johnson a year later became the Texas director of the National Youth Administration. Two years after that he was elected to the House of Representatives.

At some time during these years we became acquainted; we were brought more closely together by the two great human rights advocates from Alabama, Virginia and Clifford Durr, to whom we were both devoted, Johnson and I were proudly New Dealers, fully committed to FDR who had our unstinting support. Our friendship, if not close, lasted for nearly a lifetime, to be ended by an unforgiving event central in the appraisal of Lyndon Johnson and the correction of which I here seek. That correction places him next only to Franklin D. Roosevelt as a force for a civilized and civilizing social policy essential for human well-being and for the peaceful co-existence between the economically favored (or financially fortunate) and the poor. History has settled on the great contribution of the New Deal. Much needs yet to be said of the achievements of the Johnson years, still sadly blotted from memory by foreign and military policy and action. Next only to Roosevelt, and in some respects more so, Lyndon Johnson was the most effective advocate of human social change in the United States in this century.

This was not a matter on which he left one in any doubt. On the day after John F. Kennedy's assassination, I was in Washington at the White House working on the sudden and compelling array of funeral tasks. I was called by L.B.J. to his vice-presidential, now his presidential, offices in the Old State Department building. (I offer this revision of the history on the 36th anniversary of L.B.J.'s first full day in office.) We discussed a range of domestic problems and the needed action. He spoke in Johnson language and emphasis of his strong commitment. Knowing perhaps that nothing would more assure my belief, he asked me to do a draft of the speech he would shortly make to the Congress. The eventual speech, which relied rather more heavily on Theodore Sorensen and on L.B.J. himself, made clear his intention.

For Roosevelt it was the New Deal. Kennedy had given currency to the phrase the New Frontier. For Johnson it would be the Great Society—possibly a less compelling title. Nonetheless, the action so taken has become part of our everyday life and acceptance. But not in the history. The New Deal is large in public memory; so, if somewhat less, is the New Frontier. Much less is made of the Good Society and the years of Lyndon Johnson. What was then greatly needed, even urgent and wonderfully accomplished, lies in the historical backwater. That we must recognize and retrieve.

The first and most important step taken by Lyndon Johnson was simply to make all Americans full citizens and full participants in the democratic process. This, in the Kennedy years, had become an issue of major importance. In June of 1963, a few months before his death, Kennedy had called for enabling legislation. His position, and especially that of his immediate and strongly committed subordinates, was not in doubt. But the decisive civil rights legislative action remained for Lyndon Johnson. A further and major step was the Voting Rights Act of 1965, this at the beginning of Johnson's own new term and more than one hundred years after emancipation.

In the New Deal years ethnic equality was only on the public conscience; in the Kennedy presidency it was strongly urged by Martin Luther King and many others. From buses to lunch counters to restrooms to public accommodations, agitation had focused attention on the issue and brought some action. It was with Lyndon Johnson, however, that citizenship for all Americans in all its aspects became a reality. Not only were black citizens (as I choose to say) rewarded; distracting agitation and conflict came largely to an end. Not alone civil rights but civility in behavior to the peace and benefit of all. All were rewarded by the new peace. This we owe to the Johnson presidency. There was much more.

Related to ethnic difference but going far beyond was the continued existence of a mass poverty—of life at or below the margin of survival. This also, a neglected point, means denial not alone of the basic enjoyments of life but also the denial of liberty. Nothing so limits the freedom of the individual as the total absence of money. This, as too often with the commonplace, we take for granted, ignore. This too Lyndon Johnson recognized and addressed.

The problem of massive urban poverty and the more diverse affliction in rural America, especially in the mountain valleys down from New England to the Deep South, was a continuing fact. There were (as there are still) two lines of thought on how this should be addressed. One was to insure everyone a basic income by public action. This a rich country could afford; to this all the industrially advanced countries are in some measure committed. The other course is to counter poverty by specific remedial action designed to minimize its more specific adverse effects and, most importantly, to provide the mental and physical means for escape. The main effort of the Johnson years was of the second order; the basic steps in this effort continue to this day—money for deprived educational communities, for education in general. Head Start, food for needful children at the beginning of the school day, food stamps for the old and hungry, the Jobs Corps and major initiatives in education . . . including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act sending funds to local school districts along with support to higher education and those pursuing it. And major help for those previously denied health care and life itself from lack of money. This list of humane accomplishments could be extended. The emphasis was not alone on what the Federal government should do but also on helping individuals and communities to help themselves.

The New Deal initiatives were more centralized, more visible and more dramatic; those of the Johnson years were less visible but not less important for aiding human survival. What Johnson initiated is now accepted even by the wonderfully adverse orators of our present age.

The work for civilized well-being is not complete. I have long believed that we should accept, as we do only reluctantly and partially now, a minimum income for all Americans. This, to repeat, a rich country can afford. It requires that we eliminate the welfare stigma and other adverse attitudes. Some who are favored by a basic income will not work; so with many who are now favored by a higher income. Leisure is an evil thing for the poor; it is rewarding for the affluent, sometimes even for professors. Accordingly, our social effort must continue. But let there be no doubt; in the years of Lyndon Johnson both ethnic minorities and the poor became citizens of the republic, the first by legal action, the second by still imperfect but highly relevant remedial legislation.

Nor did this happen because of newly recognized need. It happened because Lyndon Johnson was the most effective political activist of our time. It is easy to advocate the right action; it is something else and much more to obtain it. Lyndon Johnson was not content with citing the need, recommending the legislation. He was content only as he obtained (and on occasion forced) the requisite action. No President in our time has had such a commanding role as regards the Congress, the result of both solid experience and strong personality. Johnson's authority was based on knowledge—he had a clear and comprehensive view of what he urged. But

there was more. Individuals at all levels in Congress and in the Executive knew him. He was a good friend, had an engaging personality and a compelling range of speech. No one went to see him without returning to tell of some prescient observation by Lyndon Johnson, some amusing or slightly off-color metaphor.

Liking Johnson, politicians and other leaders aligned with him. All wanted the association preserved, so they did as Johnson commanded. We speak much of the power of personality; in Lyndon Johnson it was evident, effective and had its own distinctive style. Long before he became President, this was well recognized in the Congress. Asked after the 1960 Convention why he had chosen Lyndon Johnson as Vice-President, John F. Kennedy gave several reasons. The last and perhaps the decisive reason: ''It wouldn't be worthwhile being President if Lyndon were Majority Leader.'' When President, Lyndon Johnson was effectively both. Kennedy, as I've said on other occasions, used less power than he had as President; Johnson used more.

I summarize: on civil rights and on poverty, the two truly urgent issues of the time, we had with Johnson one of the greatest changes of our time. I turn now to the historical correction which, along with others of my political faith, I need to make.

My association, even friendship, with Lyndon Johnson came to an end with the Vietnam war. We had intensely discussed it: Johnson's case was not unpersuasive. ''Ken, you have no idea what the generals would be doing were I not here.'' And this, I must add, I did not know. Next year the Harvard University Press will publish ''American Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson and the Origins of the Vietnam War'' by David Kaiser. It makes full, intelligent, even exhaustive use of newly declassified documents—all are now available except for some continuing and perhaps well-considered reticence by the CIA. Kaiser tells in extensive and, to this day, alarming detail of the military pressure on Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. The generals and their civilian acolytes took over, were even eager for a war. Nuclear weapons were freely proposed. One reads with relief and gratitude of the Presidential resistance, that of Kennedy in particular but also that of L.B.J. The widening military intervention was relentlessly pressed. And so the war and the deaths.

Knowing that part of the world from presence and experience, I knew that Communism was irrelevant in a primitive village and jungle economy—as Marx would have been the first to agree. There was also the irrelevance of our military establishment in the densely covered countryside that characterized much of Vietnam. The military forces of the Viet Cong would have been swept aside in a few days in Normandy. Here they could retreat conveniently and safely to the jungle, or even to the water-laden reaches of the Delta. Accordingly, I joined with others in opposition to this cruel and hopeless effort and to sending our youth, still under draft, to serve and die. In the political campaign of 1968, I was accorded a measure of leadership. I do not regret my effort against this error. One must, however, regret the way in which we allowed the Vietnam war to become the totally defining event of those years and likewise of the history. In the Johnson years it was the Vietnam war and nothing else. And so in the history it remains. Those of us who were involved allowed that response; at the time, perhaps it was inevitable. But certainly we have done far too little to correct the history since.

The needed correction is clear. In the Johnson years two major flaws in the American community and its polity were addressed. What was called the American democracy became in reality a democracy. All Americans became citizens. There was a long step toward peaceful coexistence between ethnic groups. And for the first time we had a clear recognition of the presence of deep, unforgiving poverty in this generally affluent land. The danger to domestic peace and harmony was recognized. Poverty, economic deprivation, is still with us. Income inequality is great and still growing. But recognition of this together with the belief that something can and must be done—that there can be remedial action—goes back to the Johnson years. And so does the range of action for the young, the poor, the ill and the old without which all would be much worse.

Three Presidents in our lifetime have seen the social need of their citizenry from their particular position in life. Franklin D. Roosevelt, as I've elsewhere said, saw the people of the United States as a tenantry stretching out from Hyde Park. For them and their depression hardship he had a landlord's responsibility. From Irish Boston, John F. Kennedy saw a great minority still seeking to escape—and his family had escaped—the trials and oppressions of a once beleaguered community. (It helped that it had become a political force.) Johnson's identification was with a larger, less easily identified, politically less powerful community—the widely distributed urban and rural poor. What Kennedy and his family had escaped, Johnson had experienced at first hand. (His personal encounter with rural privation was never understated.) The basic motivation of all three Presidents was the same: the sense of responsibility for a larger, less fortunate community within the range of actual observation and experience.

There is a final, greatly needed revision. We must accord much more emphasis to the dangerous, even insane military pressures to which Kennedy and Johnson were subject. We should note that these were especially strong in 1965, the time when Johnson's mind and effort were sharply focused on poverty and civil rights and the requisite legislation.

When we think of Vietnam, we must think much more of the generals (and associated civilians) who pressed powerfully for the war, for the risks of a greater war and for an opening for nuclear weapons. That, in the full light of history, there were presidential errors here cannot be doubted. We must, however, be grateful for what was resisted.

Thus the historical revision I seek, we must all seek. The initiatives of Lyndon Johnson on civil rights, voting rights and on economic and social deprivation and the responding role of the state must no longer be enshrouded by that war. Those of us who helped make the war central to the public attitude and politics of the time have a special responsibility here. That responsibility I would like to think I have partly assumed on this favored evening.

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HOLD ON H.R. 2260

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I have notified the minority leader that I have placed a hold on H.R. 2260, the Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999. This legislation would negate Oregon's physician assisted suicide law which was debated and passed twice by the voters of Oregon.

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MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 22, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3194. An act making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bill was signed on November 22, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 29, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

H.R. 592. An act to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreational Area as ''World War Veterans Park at Miller Field.''

H.R. 658. An act to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System.

H.R. 747. An act to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis of which distributions are made from those funds.

H.R. 748. An act to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

H.R. 791. An act to amend the National Trail System to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential additional to the national trail system.

H.R. 970. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

H.R. 1094. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.

H.R. 1104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

H.R. 1191. An act to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.

H.R. 1251. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the ''Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building.''

H.R. 1327. An act to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34490 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the ''Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office.''

H.R. 1528. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

H.R. 1619. An act to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

H.R. 1665. An act to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

H.R. 1693. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standard Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.

H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

H.R. 1887. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

H.R. 1932. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contribution to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and global community.

H.R. 2079. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.

H.R. 2140. An act to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.

H.R. 2401. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.

H.R. 2632. An act to designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

H.R. 2737. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.

H.R. 2886. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act.

H.R. 2889. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.

H.R. 3257. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

H.R. 3373. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

H.R. 3381. An act to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3456. An act to amend statutory damages provision of title 17, United States Code.

H.J. Res. 46. Joint resolution 46 conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

H.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 85. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bills and joint resolutions were signed on November 30, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 30, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1555. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2280. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living-adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

H.R. 20. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 322 An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

H.R. 197. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the ''Clifford R. Hope Post Office.''

H.R. 100. An act to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2116. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans, to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

S. 28. An act to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes.

S. 67. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the ''Robert C. Weaver Federal Building.''

S. 335. An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes.

S. 416. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.

S. 438. An act to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, and for other purposes.

S. 548. An act to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site in the State of Ohio.

S. 574. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

S. 580. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

S. 791. An act to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program.

S. 1418. An act to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi, in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 1595. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the ''Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse.''

S. 1866. An act to redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the ''John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.''

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bills were signed subsequently on November 30, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 2, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3443. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3419. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bills were signed on December 2, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 6, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1180. An act to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individual with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the enrolled bill was signed on December 6, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:18 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 84. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House requests that the Senate withdraw its request for a conference dated November 19, 1999 on the bill, S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and for other purposes, and agree to the conference requested by the House.

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ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported on November 30, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 28. An act to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes.

S. 67. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the ''Robert C. Weaver Federal Building.''

S. 416. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.

S. 438. An act to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site in the State of Ohio.

S. 574. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

The Secretary of the Senate reported on December 1, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 335. An act to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes.

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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–6298. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled: ''Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model; AS 322C, L, and L1 Helicopters; Docket No. 98–SW–78 {11–16/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0453), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6299. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model SA330F, G, J, and AS332C, L, and L1 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99–SW–01 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0441), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6300. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model EC135 P1 T1 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99–SW–59 {12–2/12–2}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0488), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6301. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. Model 412, 412EP and 412CF Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99–SW–55 {11–16/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0451), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6302. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99–SW–48 {11–15/11–18}'', received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6303. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled '' Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model 2000 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–197 {11–30/12–2}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0489), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6304. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–106 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2122–AA64) (1999–0443), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6305. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9–10, –20, –30, –40, and –50 Series Airplanes and C–9 Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–186 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0442), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6306. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC–8–101, –102, –103, –106, –201, –202, –301, –311, and –315 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98–NM–335 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0439), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6307. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Aerospatiale Model SN–601 (Corvette) Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98–NM–365 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0438), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6308. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: British Aerospace Model BAe 146 and AVro 146–RJ Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–70 {11–15/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0450), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6309. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–101 {11–16/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0455), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6310. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Learjet Model 31, 31A, 35, 35A, and 60 Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–15 {11–16/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0456), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6311. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Rolls–Royce plc Tay 650–15, and Tay 651–54 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No.

99–NE–26 {11–17/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0454), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6312. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727–200 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 97–NM–227 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0444), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6313. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 96–NM–110 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0445), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6314. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A330 and A340 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–184 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0446), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6315. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328–100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–207 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0447), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6316. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300–600 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98–NM–205 {11–12/11–18}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0448), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6317. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9–8 Series Airplanes and Model MD–88 Airplanes; Docket No. 99–NM–05 {11–19/11–22}'' (RIN2120–AA64) (1999–0475), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6318. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Acquisition Regulation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6319. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting a report relative to authorized navigation improvements at Sand Point Harbor, Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6320. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to flood damage reduction in the Yuba River Basin, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6321. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report relative to coal mining operations that result in valley fills; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6322. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Special Emphasis Given to Coral Reef Projection under the Clean Water Act, Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Rivers And Harbors Act, and Federal Project Authorities''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6323. 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 ''Availability of Action Plan Demonstration Projects (ADDP) Funds for Tier IV and V NEP's (FRL # N/A)'' Receive November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6324. 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 ''Biennial Review of Post-CCMP NEPs—Final Guidance (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6325. 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 ''Biennial Review of Post-CCMP NEPs FY 1999 Guidance (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6326. 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 ''Cover Memorandum and Wetland Program Development Grants—FY2000 Grant Guidance (FRL # N/A); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6327. 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 ''Funding the Development and Implementation of Watershed Restoration Action Strategies Under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6328. 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 ''National Estuary Program FY 1999 Budget and Funding Guidance'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6329. 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 ''National Estuary Program Travel Funds Special Conditions'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6330. 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 ''NEP FY 1997 Budget and Selected Guidance Topics'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6331. 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 ''NEP FY 1998 Budget and Selected Guidance Topics'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6332. 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 ''Nonpoint Source Program and Grants Guidance for Fiscal Year 1997 and Future Years'' (FRL # N/A), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6333. 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 ''Process and Criteria for Funding State and Territorial Nonpoint Source Management Programs in FY 1999'' (FRL # N/A), receive November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6334. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to construction of flood damage reduction and recreation improvements for Grand Forks, ND and East Grand Forks, MN; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Baltimore Harbor Anchorages and Channels, MD, navigation project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6336. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''1999 PCB Questions and Answers Manual (Part 3 of 3); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6337. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Interim Guidance in Response to the OIG Audit 'Superfund Sites Deferred to RCRA'''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6338. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Issuance of Abbreviated Assessments (EPA-540-F-98-037), Combined PA/SI Assessments (EPA-540-F-98-038), and Pre-CERCLIS Screening Assessment (EPA-540-F-98-039) Fact Sheets''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorized navigation improvements to the Big Bend Channel, Tampa Harbor, FL; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6340. 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 and State Operating Permits Programs; State of Missouri'' (FRL # 6506-2), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6341. 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 ''Notice of Acceptability'' (FRL # 6503-7), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6342. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Voluntary Submission of Performance Indicator Data'' (NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 99-06), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6343. 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 ''Superfund Redevelopment Pilot Program'' (FRL # 6506-5), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6344. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the decommissioning criteria for the West Valley Demonstration Project (M-32); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6345. 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 Plant 'Fritillaria gentneri' (Gertner's frillary)'' (RIN1018-AE75), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6346. 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 ''National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations'' (FRL # 6500-2), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6347. 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 ''National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning'' (FRL # 6500-1), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6348. 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 ''Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126 Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport (final stay extension)'' (FRL #6482–2), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6349. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Hurricane Lenny; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6350. 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 Massachusetts; Interim Final Determination that Massachusetts has Corrected the Deficiencies of its I/M SIP Revision'' (FRL #6481–2), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6351. 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; California State Implementation Revision, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Project XL Site-specific Rulemaking for Imation Corp. Camarillo Plant'' (FRL #6481–8), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6352. 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; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, and Yolo-Solano County Air Quality Management District'' (FRL #6477–7), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6353. 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 ''National Primary and Secondary Water Regulations: Analytic Methods for Chemical and Microbial Contamination and Revisions to Laboratory Certification Requirements'' (FRL #6481–7), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6354. 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 ''OMB Approval Numbers Under the Paperwork Reduction Act Relating to the Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices'' (FRL #6481–3), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6355. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''The Super Fund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program'' for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6356. 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; Connecticut; Removal of Oxygenated Gasoline Requirement for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-New Jersey-Long Island Area (the 'Southwest Connecticut Area')'' (FRL #6479–4), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6357. 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; Rhode Island; VOC Regulations and RACT Determinations'' (FRL # 6483–8), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6358. 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 and Approval Under Section 112(1); State of Iowa'' (FRL # 6483–4), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6359. 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; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District'' (FRL # 6480–4), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6360. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Injection Wells'' (FRL # 6482–2), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6361. A communication from the Acting 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; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Pacific Coast Population of the Western Snowy Plover'' (RIN1018–AD10), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6362. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act; Guidance for Performing Aggregate Exposure and Risk Assessments; Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee Review and Request for Public Comment''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6363. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act; Revised Paper Estimating the Drinking Water Component of a Dietary Exposure Assessment''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6364. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Policy Issues Related to the Food Quality Protection Act; Revised Threshold of Regulation (TOR) Policy When a Food Use Does Not Require a Tolerance''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6365. 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; State of New Mexico; Approval of Revised Maintenance Plan for Albuquerque/Bernalillo County, NM; Carbon Monoxide'' (FRL # 6504–9), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6366. 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 of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Indiana'' (FRL #6388–4), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6367. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Iowa; Correction'' (FRL #6501–4), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6368. 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; Alklegheny County Portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Operations Permits Program, and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit Program'' (FRL #6500–8), received December 2, 1999; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6369. 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; District of Columbia; Approval of Definitions for the New Source Review Regulations'' (FRL #6500–7), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6370. 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; Montana; Emergency Episode Plan, Columbia Falls; Butte and Missoula Particulate Matter State Implementation Plans, Missoula Carbon Monoxide State Implementation Plan'' (FRL #6482–6), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6371. 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; Utah: Road Salting and Sanding, Control of Installations, Revisions to Salting and Sanding Requirements and Deletion of Non-ferrous Smelter Orders, Incorporation by Reference, and Nonsubstantive Changes' (FRL #6482–9), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6372. 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; Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds, Miscellaneous Industrial Sources, Cut back Asphalt'' (FRL #6504–4), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6373. 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 ''Control of Emissions of Air Pollution from New CI Marine Engines at or above 37kw'' (FRL #6482–3), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6374. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Commercial Hazardous Waste Combustor Subcategory of the Waste Combustors Point Source Category'' (FRL #6503–6), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6375. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards for the Landfills Point Source Category' (FRL #6503–5), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6376. 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 of Data Sharing Committee Recommendations for Lead and Copper'' (FRL # N/A), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6377. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Policy Announcement: Eligibility of Reimbursement of Incurred Costs for Approved Projects'' (FRL #6217–9), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6378. 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 ''Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Policy Announcement: Eligibility of Using DWSRF Funds to Create a New Public Water System'' (FRL #65183–2), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6379. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Policy on Cutoff Dates for Submitting Data to SDWIS/FED'' (FRL # N/A), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6380. 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 ''Revised Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) Inventory Reporting Requirements-Technical Guidance'' (FRL # N/A), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6381. 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 ''The Data Sharing Committee's Review of the Surface Water Treatment Rule Data Needs and Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) Reporting'' (FRL # N/A), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6382. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Oxygenated Gasoline Program'' (FRL #6501–2), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6383. 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 Plan; Indiana Volatile Organic Compound Rules'' (FRL #6500–9), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6384. 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 and Part 70 Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri'' (FRL #6508–4), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6385. 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 ''OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment'' (FRL #6505–8), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6386. 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 ''Revisions to Guidelines for the Storage and Collection of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Solid Waste'' (FRL #6505–6), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6387. 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 ''Title V Operating Permit Deferrals for Area Sources: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks; Ethelyne Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations; Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning Facilities; Halogenated Solvent Cleaning Machines; and Sanitary Lead Smelting'' (FRL #6508–7), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6388. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Concurrence on the Classification of Wells in an in-situ Nacholite Leaching Facility in Colorado-Amer-Alia, Inc.''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6389. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled ''Disinfection Profiling and Benchmarking Guidance Manual''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6390. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Handbook for Capacity Development: Developing Water System Capacity Under the Safe Drinking Water Act as Amended in 1996''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6391. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Microbial and Disinfection Byproduct Rules Simultaneous Compliance Guidance Manual''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6392. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''State Implementation Guidance for the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6393. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation Analytical Methods and Quality Control Manual''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6394. 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 ''Migratory Bird Hunting: Regulations Designed to Reduce the Mid-continent Light

Goose Population'' (RIN1018–AF85), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6395. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''NRC Management Directive 5.6, 'Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program' '', received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6396. 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 ''Award of Grants for Special Projects Authorized by the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (PL 104–134)'', received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6397. 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 ''Award of Grants For Special Projects Authorized by this Agency's FY 1997 Appropriations Act'', received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6398. 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 ''Award of Grants for Special Projects Authorized by this Agency's 1999 Appropriations Act'', received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6399. 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; State of Missouri'' (FRL #6512–2), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6400. 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; Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia; Approval of Low Emmission Vehicle Programs'' (FRL #6483–9), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6401. 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; State of Missouri'' (FRL #6510–9), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6402. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Amino/Phenolic Resins Production'' (FRL #6513–4), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6403. 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; Indiana'' (FRL #6483–2), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6404. 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 ''Revision of Promulgation of Federal Implementation Plan for Arizona—Maricopa Nonattainment Area; PM10'' (FRL #6511–3), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6405. 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 'Sidalcea oregana var. calva' (Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow)'' (RIN1018–AE32), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6406. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled ''Final Guidance on Award of Grants to Indian Tribes Under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act for Fiscal Year 2000 and Future Years''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6407. A communication from the Director of the Office of regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled ''Letter to Ms. Micki Schultz, P.E. Senior Environmental Engineer, Durel Corporation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6408. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled ''Letter to Peggy Harris, Chief, Standardized Permitting Section of the Hazardous Waste Management Program''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6409. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to properties and funds to be transferred by the United States to the Republic of Panama on December 31, 1999 upon the termination of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6410. 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. Proc. 2000–9, Per Diem Travel Expenses'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–9), received December 21 , 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6411. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rev. Proc. 99–50, Combined Information Reporting'' (Rev. Proc. 99–50), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6412. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''January 2000 Applicable Rates'' (Revenue Ruling 2000–1), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6413. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''October-December 1999 Bond Factor Amounts'' (Revenue Ruling 99–54), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6414. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Effective Date of Proposed Regulations Under Section 1.368–2(d)(4)'' (Notice 2000–1, 2000–2 I.R.B.____) , received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6415. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Information Reporting with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships and Certain Foreign Corporations'' (RIN 1545–AV69), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6416. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Separate Share Rules Applicable to Estates'' (RIN 1545–AW57) (T.D. 8849), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6417. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Year 2000 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments'' (Revenue Ruling 99–50), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6418. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Treatment of Changes in Effective Entity Classification'' (RIN 1545–AV16) (TD 8844), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6419. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Covered Compensation Tables'' (Revenue Ruling 99–47), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6420. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''December 1999 Applicable Federal Rates'' (Revenue Ruling 99–48), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6421. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Section 415(d) Cost-of-Living Adjustments'' (Notice 99–55), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6422. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—October 1999'' (Rev. Rul. 99–55), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6423. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revenue Ruling 99–57'' (RR–103838–99), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6424. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Automatic Approval of Changes in Funding Methods'' (Revenue Procedure 99–45), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6425. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Duke Energy Natural Gas Corporation v. Commissioner'' (–F.3d– [10th Cir. 1999]), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6426. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Conway v. Commissioner'' (111 T.C. 350 [1999] TL 22257–96), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6427. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Year 2000 Section 7872(g) CPI Adjustment'' (Revenue Ruling 99–49), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6428. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Quarterly Interest Rates—First Quarter 2000'' (Rev. Rul. 99–53), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6429. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Tax Avoidance Using Distributions of Encumbered Property'' (Notice 99–59, 1999–52 I.R.B.), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6430. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice 99–57; Section 705 Special Basis Rules'' (OGI0116328–99), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6431. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''T.D. 8846, Deductions for Transfers for Public, Charitable, and Religious Uses; in General Marital Deduction; Valuation of Interest Passing to Surviving Spouse'' (RIN 1545–AV45), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6432. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Adequate Disclosure of Gifts'' (RIN 1545–AW 20) (TD 8845), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6433. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Use of Penalty Mail in the Location and Recovery of Missing Children'' (RIN 1545–AX 29) (TD 8848), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6434. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Covered Compensation Tables'' (Revenue Ruling 99–47), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6435. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Quarterly Interest Rates—First Quarter 2000'' (Rev. Rul. 99–53), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6436. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''1999 Base Period T-Bill Rate'' (RR–115894–99), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6437. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''T.D. 8847: Adjustments Following Sales of Partnership Interests'' (RIN 1545–AS39), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6438. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Continuity of Interest on Repurchase of Issuers Shares'' (Rev. Rul. 99–58, 1999–52 I.R.B.——, dated December 27, 1999), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6439. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Automatic Consent to Change a Method of Accounting'' (Rev. Proc 99–49), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6440. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Duplicate Benefits'' (Rev. Rul. 99–51), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6441. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Information Reporting on Amounts Paid Under the General Allotment Act'' (Notice 99–60), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6442. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Use of Penalty Mail in the Location and Recovery of Missing Children'' (RIN 1545–AX 29) (TD 8848), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6443. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Weighted Average Interest Rate Update'' (Notice 99–54), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6444. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Office of Communications and Operations Support, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2000—Medicare'' (RIN 0938–AJ 40), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6445. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 2000 (8005–N)'' (RIN 0938–AB 52), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6446. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Part A Premium for 2000 for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement (8005–N) (RIN 0938–AB 53), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6447. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 2000 (HFCA–8006–N) (RIN 0938–AJ 80), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6448. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medicare and Medicaid Program; Programs for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PAGE)'' (RIN 0938–AE 98), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6449. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to imports of wheat gluten; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6450. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations Branch, US Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Import Restrictions on Certain Khmer Stone Archaeological Material of the Kingdom of Cambodia'' (RIN 1515–AC 52), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6451. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations Branch, US Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Export Certificates for Lamb Meat Subject to Tariff-Rate Quota'' (RIN 1515–AC 54), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6452. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Extension of Expiration Dates for Several Body System Listings'' (RIN 0960–AF 15), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6453. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Federal Register Certifying Officer, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Barring Delinquent Debtors from Obtaining Federal Loans or Loan Insurance or Guarantees'' (31 CFR 285) (RIN 1510–AA 78), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6454. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 1998''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6455. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to hydropower construction deadlines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6456. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Update of Documents Incorporated by Reference'' (RIN 1010–AC 55), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6457. 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 ''Virginia Regulatory

Program'' (SPATS NO. VA–116–FOR), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6458. 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 ''Illinois Regulatory Program'' (SPATS NO. IL–097–FOR, PART II), received December 24, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6459. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6460. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Annual Energy Outlook 2000''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6461. 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 ''State-Federal Cooperative Agreements; Indiana'' (SPATS No. IN–142–FOR), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6462. Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations; Permanent Regulatory Program; Compliance with Court Order'' (RIN1029–AB69), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6463. 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 ''Illinois Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. IL–097–FOR, Part I), received December 1, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6464. 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 ''Louisiana Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. LA–018–FOR), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6465. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule for Revision to 30 CFR 250 Subpart A, 'Postlease Operations Safety'—Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf, Subpart A–General'' (RIN1010–AC32), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6466. 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 ''Virginia Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. VA–113–FOR), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6467. 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 ''Iowa Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. IA–005–FOR), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6468. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Implementation of Fiscal Year 2000 Legislative Provisions'' (99–07), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6469. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Implementation of Fiscal Year 2000 Legislative Provisions'' (99–02), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6470. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Quality of Water, Colorado River Basin, Progress Report No. 19''; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6471. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Change in Disease Status of Portugal Because of African Swine Fever'' (Docket No. 99–096–1), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6472. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Export Certification; Heat Treatment of Solid Wood Packing Materials Exported to China'' (Docket No. 99–100–1), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6473. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation from Europe of Rhododendron Established in Growing Media'' (Docket No. 89–154–5), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6474. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Mexican Hass Avocado Import Program'' (Docket No. 99–020–2), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6475. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Veterinary Services User Fees'' (Docket No. 98–004–1), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6476. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Veterinary Service Fees; Biosecurity Level Three Laboratory Inspection Fee'' (Docket No. 98–052–2), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6477. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Brucellosis; State and Area Classification; Kansas'' (Docket No. 99–051–2), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6478. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Change in Disease Status of Liechtenstein Because of BSE'' (Docket No. 98–119–2), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6479. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Mexican Fruit Fly; Regulated Areas, Regulated Articles, and Treatments'' (Docket No. 99–075–2), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6480. 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 ''Phosphine; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL #6484–5), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6481. 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 ''Bifenthrin; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6395–5), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6482. 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 ''Metsulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6391–8), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6483. 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 ''Myclobutanil; Extension of Tolerances For Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6398–2), received December 20, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6484. 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 ''2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid; Re-establishment of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6396–3), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6485. 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 ''Clomazone; Pesticide Tolerances foe Emergency Exemptions' (FRL #6388–4), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6486. 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 ''Tetraconazole[(+/−)-2(2,2,4-dichlorphenyl) - 3 - (1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl) propyl 1, 1,2,2-tetrafluroethyl ether]; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6384–1), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6487. 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 ''N-Acyl Sarcosines and Sodium N-Acyl sarcosinates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance'' (FRL

#6386–6), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6488. 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 #6390–9), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6489. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit'' (FV99–905–3 FIR), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6490. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Avocados Grown in South Florida, Relaxation of Container and Pack Requirements'' (FV00–915–1 IFR), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6491. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Oranges and Grapefruit Grown in Lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; Changes to Pack Requirements'' (FV99–906–3 FIR), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6492. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Exemption of Handlers Operating Plants in Clark County, Nevada, from Other Requirements'' (DA–00–01), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6493. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision of Regulations for Permissive Inspection'' (TB–99–10) (RIN0581–AB65), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6494. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Modification of Procedures for Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit'' (FV99–905–4 FIR), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6495. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revised Procedures for Listing New Contracts'' (RIN3038–AB42), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6496. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Trade Options on Enumerated Commodities'' (RIN3038–AB43), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6497. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Non-Discretionary Funding Provisions of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998'' (RIN0584–AC77), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6498. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Local Agency Expenditure Reports'' (RIN0584–AC74), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6499. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Generic E. Coli Testing for Sheep, Goats, Equines, Ducks, Geese, and Guineas'' (RIN0583–AC32), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6500. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules of Practice'' (RIN0583–AC34), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6501. A communication from the Administrator and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule: 1999 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Flue-cured Tobacco'' (RIN0560–AF49), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6502. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Dairy Indemnity Payment Program'' (RIN0560–AG10), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6503. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Debarment and Suspension'' (RIN0560–AF47), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6504. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Horse Protection Enforcement Report; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6505. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6506. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of Acquisition and Materials Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''VA Acquisition Regulation: Simplified Acquisition Procedures'' (RIN2900–AJ16), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6507. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated November 12, 1999; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC–6508. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC–6509. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting a report relative to the Commission's fiscal year 2001 budget; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC–6510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's 1998 annual report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6511. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6512. 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–6513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates'' (22 CFR Part 22), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6514. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Taiwan Relations Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6515. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction relating to the Australia Group; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6516. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an independent business analysis of Aircraft Maintenance and Supply Functions at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6517. Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a cost comparison conducted at General Mitchell Air Reserve Base, Wisconsin; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6518. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6519. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6520. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6521. A communication from the Principal Deputy (Acquisition and Technology), Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting pursuant to law, a report relative to a cost comparison waiver; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6522. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to the transportation of a chemical warfare agent; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6523. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Screening the Ready Reserve'' (RIN0790–AG57), received December 15, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6524. A communication from the Freedom of Information Act Officer, Department of the Air Force transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Air Force Freedom of Information Act Program'' (RIN0701–AA61), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6525. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2000'' (RIN0651–AB01), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6526. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Clarification of Patent and Trademark Copy Fees'' (RIN0651–AB08), received November 23. 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6527. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General (Office of Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's prison impact assessment for 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6528. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Victim and/or Witness Notification: State Custody Transfers'' (RIN1120–AA80), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6529. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructional Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Adjustment of Small Volume Application Fees of the Immigration Examinations'' (RIN1115–AF10), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6530. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the entry into the United States of two Salvadoran generals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6531. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Regulations—Special Education—Personnel Preparation to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities'' (RIN1820–AB46), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6532. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''State-administered Programs'', received December 20, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6533. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Regulations-Preparing Tomorrows Teachers to Use Technology'' (RIN1840–AC81), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6534. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Strengthening Institutions Programs and Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Programs'', received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6535. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Head Start Program (Priority for Previously Selected Head Start Agencies)'' (RIN0970–AB98), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6536. 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; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age'', received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6537. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans'', received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6538. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Payment of Premiums'' (RIN1212–AA82), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6539. 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 December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6540. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy 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: Paper and Paperboard Components'' (99F–1423), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6541. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food'' (99F–0455), received December 15, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6542. A communication from the Director of the 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'' (98F–0492), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6543. A communication from the Director of the 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 ''Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1987; Prescription Drug Amendments of 1992; Policies, Requirements, and Administrative Procedures'' (RIN0910–AA08), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6544. A communication from the Director of the 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'' (95F–0150), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6545. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Medical Devices; Revocation of Pacemaker Registry'' (85N–0322), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6546. A communication from the Director of the 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'' (98F–0825), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6547. 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 ''Animal Drug Availability Act; Medicated Feed Mill License'' (RIN0910–AB18), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6548. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, 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'' (99F–1170), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6549. A communication from the Director of the 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 ''Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Bone Cement; FD&C Blue No . 2-Aluminum Lake on Alumina; Confirmation of Effective Date'' (99C–0348), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6550. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components'' (86F–0312), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6551. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Biological Products Regulated Under Section 351 of the Public Health Service Act; Implementation of the Biologics License; Elimination of Establishment License and Product License'' (RIN0910–AB79), received December 8, 1999; to

the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6552. A communication from the Director of the 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 ''Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Final Monograph'' (RIN0910–AA01), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6553. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Progestational Drug Products for Human Use; Requirements for Labeling Directed to the Patient'' (99N–0188), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6554. A communication from the Regulations Officer, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Institutes of Health Construction Grants'' (RIN0925–AA04), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6555. A communication from the General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules Implementing the Government in the Sunshine Act'' (RIN3045–AA21), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6556. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6557. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation relative occupational illness in the Department's workforce; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6558. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6559. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the emergency detonation of a bomblet potentially filled with Sarin chemical, agent; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6560. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''TRICARE—Nonavailability Statement Requirement for Maternity Care'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6561. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the demonstration project for uniform funding of morale, welfare, and recreation activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6562. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules of Practice: Title Change'' (RIN2900–AJ57), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6563. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Per Diem for Nursing Home Care of Veterans in State Homes'' (RIN2900–AE87), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6564. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice-Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error; Clarification'' (RIN2900–AJ98), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC–6565. A communication from the Director of Central Intelligence transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6566. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC–6567. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States contributions to international organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6568. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative 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–6569. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6570. A communication from the Clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the United States Court of Federal Claims for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6571. Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Oklahoma Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. OK–026–FOR), received December 14, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6572. 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 ''Indiana Regulatory Program'' (SPATS No. IN–146–FOR), received January 4, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6573. 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 ''Virginia Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan'' (SPATS No. VA–115–FOR), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6574. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule on Regional Transmission Organizations'' (RIN1902–AB77) , received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6575. A communication from the Director of the 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 Additive: Polymers'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6576. A communication from the Director of the 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 January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6577. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy 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'' (99F–1457), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6578. A communication from the Director of the 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'' (98F–1201), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6579. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, ''Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers'' (99F–1421), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6580. A communication from the Associate Solicitor, Legislative and Legal Counsel, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Department of Labor'' (RIN1290–AA15/3209–AA15), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6581. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Labor Organization Annual Reports'' (RIN1215–AB29), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6582. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 reports of the Department's Advisory Council for Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6583. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 ; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6584. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Information Reporting Exception for Certain De Minimis Barter Transactions'' (Notice 2000–6), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6585. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revenue Procedure 2000–7'' (RP–118112–99), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6586. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Qualified Intermediary Withholding Agreement'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–12), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6587. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Announcement and Request for Comments on Certain Plans of State and Local Government Employers Under Section 457'' (Announcement 2000–1, I.R.B. 2000–2 [January 10, 2000]), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6588. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Passthrough of Items of an S Corporation to its Shareholders'' (RIN1545–AT52), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6589. 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 ''Return Requirement for United States Persons Acquiring or Disposing of an Interest in a Foreign Partnership, or Whose Proportional Interest in a Foreign Partnership Changes'' (RIN1545–AK75), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6590. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Weighted Average Interest Rate Update'' (Notice 99–61), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6591. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Disclosures of Return Information to Officers and Employees of the Department of Agriculture for Certain Statistical Purposes and Related Activities'' (RIN1545–AX70), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6592. A communication from the Chief, Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 1504(d) Elections-Deferral of Termination'' (OGI–111839–99), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6593. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Purchase Price Allocations in Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions'' (RIN1545–AV58) (TD 8858), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6594. A communication from the Chief, Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Determination of Underwriting Income'' (TD 8857) (RIN1545–AU60), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6595. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Recharacterizing Financing Arrangements Involving Fast-pay Stock'' (RIN1545–AV07) (TD 8853), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6596. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''ISO 9000 Costs'' (Rev. Rul. 2000–4), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6597. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Additional Guidance on Cash or Deferred Arrangements'' (Notice 2000–3), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6598. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Foreign Withholding on Payments of U.S. Source Income to Foreign Persons'' (RIN1545–AX44), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6599. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Qualified Zone Academy Bonds Allocations 2000'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–10), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6600. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Binding Arbitration'' (Announcement 2000–4, 2000–3 I.R.B.——, dated January 18, 2000), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6601. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Automatic Consent to Change an Accounting Period'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–11), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6602. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Letter Rulings, determination Letters, and Information Letters Issued by the Associate Chief Counsel (Domestic), Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations), Associate Chief Counsel (Enforcement Litigation), and Associate Chief Counsel (International)'' (RP–114403–99), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6603. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''EP/EO Technical Advice Procedures'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–5), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6604. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''EP/EO Letter Rulings'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–4), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6605. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Employee Plans Determination Letter Procedures'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–6), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6606. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''BLS–LIFO Department Store Indexes-November 1999'' (Rev. Rul. 2000–3), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6607. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Technical Advice to the District Directors and Chiefs, Appeals Offices, from the Associate Chief Counsel (Domestic), Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations), Associate Chief Counsel (Enforcement Litigation), and Associate Counsel (International)'' (RP–114404–99), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6608. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Like-kind Exchange and Involuntary Conversion of MACRS Property'' (OGI–108813–99), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6609. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''EP/EO User Fees'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–8), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6610. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Estimated Tax Penalty Relief for Corporations Affected by Section 571 of the Tax Relief Extension Act'' (Notice 2000–5), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6611. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Foreign Agents Registration Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6612. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Interagency Guidelines Establishing Year 2000 Standards for Safety and Soundness'' (RIN1557–AB67), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6613. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Community Development Corporations, Community Development Projects, and Other Public Welfare Investments'' (RIN1667–AB69), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6614. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety and Soundness Standards'' (RIN1550–AB27), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6615. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards'' (RIN1557–AB74), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6616. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations'' (RIN0694–AB06), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6617. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules of Practice and Procedure'' (RIN2550–AA04), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6618. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Expansion of License Exception CIV Eligibility for 'Microprocessors' Controlled by ECCN 3A001'' (RIN0694–AB90), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6619. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards'' (Docket No. R–1052), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6620. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Credit Union Service Organizations'', received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6621. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Audit Committee Disclosure'' (RIN3235–AH83), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6622. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Adoption of an Amendment to the Intermarket Trading System Plan to Expand the ITS/Computer Assisted Executive System Linkage to All Listed Securities'' (RIN3235–AH49), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6623. A communication from the Secretary of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Temporary Exemption for Certain Investment Advisers-Investment Company release No. 24177 (Nov. 29, 1999)'', received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6624. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program; Clarification of the Nature of Required CDBG Expenditure Documentation; Final Rule'' (RIN2506–AC00) (FR–4449–F–02), received November 24, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6625. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Technical Amendment to the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)'' (RIN2577–AC10) (FR–4498–F–02), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6626. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Housing Choice Voucher Program; Amendment'' (RIN2577–AB91) (FR–4428–F–05), received November 24, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6627. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fair Market Rents for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program-Fiscal Year 2000'' (FR–4496–N–03), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6628. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Single Family Mortgage Insurance; Appraiser Roster Placement Procedures'' (RIN2502–AH29) (FR–4429–F–02), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6629. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Civil Penalties for Fair Housing Act Violations'' (RIN2529–AA83) (FR–4302–F–03), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6630. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program-Contract Rent Annual Adjustment Factors, Fiscal Year 2000'' (FR–4528–C–02), received January 4, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6631. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Up-Front Grants and Loans in the Disposition of Multifamily Projects'' (RIN2502–AH12) (FR–4310–F–02), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6632. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' (FEMA–7725), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6633. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance'' (FEMA–7720), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6634. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Flood Elevation Determinations'', received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6635. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations'', received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6636. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Change in Flood Elevation Determinations'', received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6637. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Flood Elevation Determinations'', received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6638. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations'' (Docket No. FEMA–7308), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6639. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations'' (Docket No. FEMA–7301), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6640. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance'' (FEMA–7722), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6641. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' (Docket No. FEMA–7725), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6642. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Standard Flood Insurance Policy'' (RIN3067–AD05), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6643. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Suspension of Community Eligibility'' (Docket No. FEMA–7721), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6644. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by insured depository institutions with the National Flood Insurance Program for the period September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6645. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on tied aid credits; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6646. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on tied aid credits; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6647. A communication from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to compliance by savings associations with the national flood insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6648. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6649. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Management Official Interlocks'', received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6650. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance

Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Information Collection Approval; Technical Amendment to Advances to Nonmembers Rule'' (RIN3069–AA91), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6651. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to continuing the national emergency relating to Libya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6652. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Yugoslavia and Kosovo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6653. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6654. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6655. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6656. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Panama; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6657. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. Exports to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6658. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. Exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6659. A communication 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 additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6660. 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 additions to the Procurement List, received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6661. A communication 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 additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6662. A communication 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 additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6663. A communication 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 additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6664. A communication 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 additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6665. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6666. A communication from the Executive Officer of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6667. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6668. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the strategic plan for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 and the performance plans for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6669. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–166, ''Gift of Light Permit Temporary Amendment Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6670. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–167, ''Real Property Tax Appeal Filing Deadline Extension Temporary Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6671. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–171, ''Management Supervisory Service Temporary Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6672. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–170, ''Advisory Neighborhood Commission Vacancy Temporary Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6673. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–165, ''Petition Circulation Requirements Amendment Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6674. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13–164, ''Potomac River Bridges Towing Compact Act of 1999''; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6675. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Acquisition Circular'' (FAC 97–15), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6676. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Privacy Act Regulations'', received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6677. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pay Administration; Back Pay, Holidays, and Physicians' Comparability Allowance'' (RIN3206–AI61), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6678. A communication from the Director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Prevailing Rate Systems; Abolishment of the Washington, Maryland, Nonappropriated Fund Wage Area'' (RIN3206–AI97), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6679. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Employees' Life Insurance Program: Life Insurance Improvements'' (RIN3206–AI64), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6680. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program-New Premiums'' (RIN3206–AI73), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6681. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Emergency Leave Transfer Program'' (RIN3206–AI03), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6682. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Retention Allowances'' (RIN3206–AI31), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6683. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Regulations-Miscellaneous Changes in Compensation Regulations'' (RIN3206–AH11), received December 28, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6684. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Prevailing Rate Systems; Changes in Federal Wage System Survey Jobs'' (RIN3206–AH81), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6685. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Miscellaneous Changes in Compensation Regulations'' (RIN3206–AH11), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6686. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards No. 16; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6687. A communication from the Chief of Staff of the White House, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Executive Office of the President's Drug Free Workplace Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6688. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and

Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to mixed waste generated at Ames Research Center in Sunnyvale, CA; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6689. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development and the Office of Administration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6690. A communication from the President's Pay Agent transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to locality-based comparability payments ; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6691. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to surplus Federal real property; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6692. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the General Accounting Office reports for October 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6693. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of surplus real property transferred for public health purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6694. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Statistical Programs of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2000″; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6695. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Final Period Change'' (Docket No. FV99–955–1–FIR), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6696. A communication from the Assosciate Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Changing the Term of Office and Nomination Deadlines'' (Docket No. FV–00–955–2–IFR), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture , Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6697. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Soybean Promotion and Research: The Procedures to Request a Referendum; Correction'' (Docket No. LS–99–17), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6698. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Milk in the Southern Illinois-Eastern Missouri Federal Marketing Area; Suspension'' (Docket No. DA–00–02), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6699. 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 ''Emanectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6398–5), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6700. 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 ''N, N–diethyl–2–(4–methylbenzyloxy) ethylamine Hydrochloride; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL #6486–2), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6701. 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 ''Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL #6299–7), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6702. 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 ''Mepiquat Chloride; Pesticide Tolerance'' (FRL #6485–4), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6703. 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 ''Glufosinate Ammonium; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6394–5), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6704. 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 ''Maneb; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions'' (FRL #6394–9), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6705. 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 entitled ''Horses From Qatar; Change in Disease Status'' (Docket No. 97–131–3), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6706. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation of Pork and Pork Products'' (Docket No. 95–027–2), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6707. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''Summer Food Service Program: Implementation of Legislative Reforms'', received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6708. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''School Nutrition Programs: Direct Certification of Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals and Free Milk in Schools'', received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6709. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''Child and Adult Care Food Program: Overclaim Authority and Technical Changes to the Meal Pattern Requirements'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6710. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Disqualification Penalties for Intentional Program Violations'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6711. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''The Summer Food Service Program Final Rule: Program Meal Service During the School Year, Paperwork Reduction and Targeted State Marketing'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6712. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law , the report of a rule entitled ''WIC Bloodwork Rule'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6713. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Irradiation of Meat Food Products'', received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6714. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency , Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Potato Crop Insurance Certified Seed Endorsement'', received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6715. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rural Business Opportunity Grants'' (RIN0570–AA05), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6716. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Transportation Statistics Annual Report 1999''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6717. A communication from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of Funds'' (RIN0660–ZA06), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6718. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Correction of Inconsistency with FAR 22,1103'', received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6719. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Guides for the Law Book Industry, 16 CFR Part 256'', received January 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6720. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Adjustment of Ceiling on Allowable Charge for Certain Disclosures under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

Section 612(a)'', received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6721. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Appliance Labeling Rule (16 CFR Part 305)'' (RIN3084–AA74), received December 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6722. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Partnership for Advancing Technologies in Housing Cooperative Research Program (PATH–CoRP)—Notice of Availability of Funds'' (RIN0693–ZA34), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6723. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Availability of Funds for a Competition-Advanced Technology Program'' (RIN0693–ZA35), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6724. A communication from the Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of Funds for Six Grants Programs: Precision Measurement Grants; Physics, MSEL, and MEL SURF Programs; MSEL Grants Program; and Fire Research Grants Program'' (RIN0693–ZA32), received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6725. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of Federal Assistance (Ocean Remote Sensing Program)'' (RIN0648–ZA75), received November 30, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6726. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Dedicated Short Range Communications of Intelligent Transportation Services'' (ET Docket No. 98–85)(FCC 99–305), received December 8, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce , Science, and Transportation.

EC–6727. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau 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 FM Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations Mishicot, WI and Gulliver, MI'' (MM Docket No. 99–145), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6728. 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 73.20.(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Bay Springs, Ellisville, and Sandersville, MS'' (MM Docket No. 99–74), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6729. 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) of the Commission's Rules Farmington, Grass Valley, Jackson, Lindon, Placerville and Fair Oaks, CA and Carson City and Sun Valley, NV'' (MM Docket No. 90–189), received November 24,1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6730. 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 White Wright and Van Alstyne,TX'' (MM Docket No. 98–196), received November 24, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6731. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability, CC docket 98–147, Third Report and Order, and CC Docket No. 96–98, Fourth Report and Order'' (FCC99–355) (CC Doc. 98–147), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6732. A communication from the deputy Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Access Charge Reform, Third Order on Reconsideration'' (FCC 98–257) (CC Doc. 96–262), received January 11, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6733. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Direct Investment Surveys: BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U .S. Direct Investment Abroad-1999'' (RIN0691–AA36), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6734. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements'' (RIN0648–AN30), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6735. A communication from the Chief Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements'' (RIN0648–AK66), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6736. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sea Turtle Conservation; Summer Flounder Trawling Requirements'' (RIN0648–AM89), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6737. A communication from the Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Planning Activities Under the Magnetic Levitation Transportation Technology Deployment Program'' (RIN2130–AB29) (2000–0001), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6738. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision of Chapter Heading; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration'' (RIN2126–AA48), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6739. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Rules of Practice in Aviation Economic Proceedings: Reinvention'' (RIN2105–AC48), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6740. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Air Carrier Access Act: Miscellaneous Amendments: Seat Assignments and Wheelchairs'' (RIN2105–AC28), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6741. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pipeline Safety: Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Repair'' (RIN2137–AD25), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6742. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Domestic Baggage Liability'' (RIN2105–AC07), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6743. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revised Docket Filing Procedures for Federal Railroad Administration Rulemaking and Adjudicatory Dockets'' (RIN2130–AB37) , received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6744. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Adjustment of Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents'' (RIN2130–AB30), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6745. A communication from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Dynamically Deploying Head Protection Systems'' (RIN2127–AH60), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6746. A communication from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Anthropomorphic Test Dummy for Head Impact Protection'' (RIN2127–AG74), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6747. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Safety/Security Zone Regulations; New Years Eve '99 Fireworks Display, Southampton, NY (CG01–99–184)'' (RIN2115–AA97) (1999–0071), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6748. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of

Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Regulated Navigation Areas; Arrival Notification and Year 2000 (Y2K) Reporting Requirements for Vessels Transiting the Cape Cod Canal (CGD01–99–150)'' (RIN2115–AE84) (1999–0005), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6749. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Regattas and Marine Parades (CGD 95–054)'' (RIN2115–AF17) (1999–0001), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6750. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Regatta Regulations; Bellsouth Winterfest Boat Parade, Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, Fl (CGD07–99–082)'' (RIN2115–AE46) (1999–0046), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6751. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Measurement System Exemption from Gross Tonnage (USCG–1999–5118)'' (RIN2115–AF76) (1999–0002), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6752. A communication from the Acting Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Puget Sound Vessel Traffic Service (USCG–1999–6141)'' (RIN2115–AF92), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6753. A communication from the Acting 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; Navesink River, NJ (CGD01–99–075)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (1999–0069) , received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6754. 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 ''Safety/Security Zone Regulations; New York Harbor and Hudson River Fireworks (CGD01–99–130)'' (RIN2115–AA97) (1999–0001), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6755. 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 ''Regatta Regulations; SLR; Approaches to Annapolis Harbor, Spa Creek, and Severn River, Annapolis, MD (CGD05–99–096)'' (RIN2115–AE46) (1999–0045), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6756. 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 ''Regatta Regulations; SLR; Puerto Rico International Cup, Fajardo, PR (CGD07–99–057)'' (RIN2115–AE46) (1999–0043), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6757. 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 ''Regatta Regulations; SLR; New Year's Celebration Fireworks, Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD (CGD05–99–089)'' (RIN2115–AE46) (1999–0044), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6758. 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; Racoon Creek, NJ (CGD05–99–095)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (1999–0064), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6759. 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 ''Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Chesapeake Bay, Whitehall Bay, Annapolis , MD (CGD05–999–094)'' (RIN2115–AA97) (1999–0070), received December 3, 1999 ; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6760. 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; Acushnet River, Annisquam River, Fore River, and Taunton River, MA (CGD01–99–187)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (1999–0065), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6761. 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; China Basin, Mission Creek, CA (CGD11–00–017)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (1999–0067), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6762. 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; Keweenaw Waterway, MI (CGD09–99–082)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (1999–0068), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6763. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Update and Standards from American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) (USCG–1999–5151)'' (RIN2115–AF80) (1999–0003), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6764. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; New York Harbor and Hudson River Fireworks (CGD01–99–99–130)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (2000–0003), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6765. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Passaic River, NJ (CGD01–99–206)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (2000–0006), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6766. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Saugus River, MA (CGD01–99–193)'' (RIN 2115–AE 47) (2000–0006), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6767. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Black River, WI (CGD08–99–064)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (2000–0002), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6768. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Columbia River, OR (CGD13–99–011)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (2000–0001), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6769. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Mississippi River, IA and IL (CGD08–99–077)'' (RIN2115–AE47) (2000–0005), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6770. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Chelsea River, MA (CGD01–00–001)'' (RIN 2115–AE47) (2000–0008), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6771. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drawbridge Regulations; Williamette River, OR (CGD 13–99–008)'' (RIN 2115–AE 47) (2000–0004), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6772. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations; St. Lucie River, Stuart, FL (CGD 07–99–058)'' (RIN 2115–AA 98) (2000–0001), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6773. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual report on Civil Works Activities for Fiscal 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6774. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the emergency caused by Hurricane Floyd in New Jersey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6775. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the shore erosion plan for the Fire Island Inlet to Moriches Inlet reach of the Fire Island to Montauk Point, NY, project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6776. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the quality of ground water in the nation and the effectiveness of state ground water protection programs; to the

Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6777. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, Inland Waterways Users Board transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6778. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Economic Development Administration Regulations: Revision to Implement Economic Development Administration Reform Act of 1998'' (RIN 0610–AA 56) (RIN 0610–AA 59), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6779. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Requirements for Economic Adjustment Grants—Revolving Loan Fund Projects under 13 CFR Part 308 and Property under Part 314'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6780. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Designated Critical Habitat: Revision of Critical Habitat for Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon'' (RIN 0648–AM 41), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6781. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Definition of 'Harm'" (RIN0648–AK55), received December 9, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6782. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Carrying out the Inclusion of all Species of the Order Acipenseriformes (Sturgeon and Paddlefish) in the Appendices to CITES'' (RIN1018–AF66), received December 1, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6783. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Right-of-Way Program Administration'' (RIN2125–AE44), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6784. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule: Use of Alternative Source Terms at Operating Reactors, Amendments to 10 CFR Part 21, 50, and 54'' (RIN3150–AG12), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6785. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Design Certification Rule for the AP600 Design'' (RIN3150–AG23), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6786. 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; Emergency and Proposed Status for the Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment of the California Tiger Salamander (Ambystoma californiense)'' (RIN1018–AF81), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6787. 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; Final Rule to List Two Cave Animals from Kauai, HI as Endangered'' (RIN1018–AE39), received January 11, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6788. 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 Threatened Status for the Central Valley spring-run Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) and the California Coastal ESU, of the West Coast Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tsawytscha)'' (RIN1018–AF82), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6789. 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; Final Rule to List Sierra Nevada Distinct Population Segment of the California Bighorn Sheep as Endangered'' (RIN1018–AF59), received December 29, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6790. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126 Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport'' (FRL #6515–5), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6791. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances'' (FRL #6055–2), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6792. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 112(1) Approval of the State of Florida's Rule Adjustment to the National Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities'' (FRL #6514–5), received December 20, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6793. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Comprehensive Guide for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Materials/Recovered Materials Advisory Notice III'' (FRL #6524–2), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6794. 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; Tennessee; Adoption of Rule Governing Any Credible Evidence'' (FRL #6520–2), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6795. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendments to the Test Procedures for Heavy-Duty Engines, and Light-Duty Vehicles and Trucks and Amendments to the Emission Standard Provisions for Gaseous Fueled Vehicles and Engines'' (FRL #6523–7), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6796. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''#35 Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6797. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''#34 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6798. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''#36 How to Complete Your Application for Federal Assistance'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6799. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Findings of Significant Contribution and Rulemaking on Section 126 Petitions for Purposes of Reducing Interstate Ozone Transport (final stay extension)'' (FRL #6522–9), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6800. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grant Guidance 1999'', received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6801. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pollution Prevention Grants and Announcement of Financial Assistance Programs Eligible for Review; Notice of Availability'' (FRL #6037–9), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6802. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of FY 1999 Multimedia Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grant Funds'' (FRL #6085–8), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6803. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of FY 1998 Multimedia Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grants'' (FRL #5766–1), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6804. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Notice of Availability of FY 2000 Grant Funds for the Support of a Pollution Prevention Information Network'' (FRL #6391–3), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6805. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Alaska: Tentative Determination and Final Determination of Full Program Adequacy of the State of Alaska's Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program'' (FRL #6518–1), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6806. 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 and Part 70 Operating Permits Program'' (FRL #6519–9), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6807. 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; State of Kansas'' (FRL #6517–9), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6808. 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; Georgia; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan and 9 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan for the Atlanta Ozone Nonattainment Area'' (FRL #6518–3), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6809. 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 Plan; Illinois'' (FRL #6506–3), received December 22, 1999 ; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6810. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Montana; Revisions to the Missoula County Air Quality Rules'' (FRL #6506–1), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6811. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper'' (FRL #6515–6), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6812. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Control Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles; Tier 2 Motor Vehicle Emissions Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Control Requirements'', received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6813. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''State of Alabama; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Revision; Approval of Alabama's Class II UIC Program Revision'', received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6814. 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, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District'' (FRL #6508–5), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6815. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule-Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Kern County Air pollution Control District, CA172–0203'' (FRL #6513–9), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6816. 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 and Operating Permits Programs, Approval under Section 112(1); State of Nebraska'' (FRL #6521–6), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6817. 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's from Paper, Fabric, Vinal and Other Plastic Parts Coating'' (FRL #6506–9), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6818. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Adequacy of state Permit Programs Under RCRA Subtitle D'' (FRL #6521–4), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6819. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''State of Alabama; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Revision; Approval of Alabama's Class II UIC Program Revision'' (FRL #6516–7), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6820. 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: Approval under Section 112(1) of the Clean Air Act; West Virginia Permits for Construction, Modification, Relocation and Operation of Stationary Sources of Air Pollution'' (FRL #6505–1), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6821. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Preliminary Assessment Information and Health and Safety Data Reporting: Addition and Removal of Certain Chemicals and Removal of Stay'' (FRL #5777–2), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6822. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources; Supplemental Delegation of Authority to the State of Wyoming'' (FRL #6521–1), received January 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6823. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Supplemental Guidance for the Award of Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grants in FY 2000'', received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6824. 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; Tennessee; Revision to Rule Governing Monitoring of Source Emissions'' (FRL #6519–4), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6825. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential Use Allowances for Calendar Year 2000; Allocations for Metered-Dose Inhalers and the Space Shuttle and Titan Rockets'' (FRL #6519–3), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6826. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Guidance on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2000'', received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6827. 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; and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana'' (FRL #6522–1), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6828. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Pollution Prevention Grants and Announcements for Financial Assistance Programs Eligible for Review; Notice of Availability'' (FRL #6398–8), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6829. 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; Delaware-Minor New Source Review and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit Program'' (FRL #6522–6), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6830. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2000; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986 to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce , Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Small Business; Veterans' Affairs; Intelligence; and Indian Affairs.

EC–6831. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters'' (RIN0651–AB12), received January 14, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6832. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Arkansas Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan'' (SPATS No. AR–035–FOR), received January 11, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6833. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Administrative and Audit Requirements and Cost Principles for Assistance Programs'' (RIN1090–AA67), received December 17, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6834. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations in Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land'' (RIN1006–AA38), received January 18, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6835. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Foreign National Access to DOE Cyber Systems'' (DOE N 205.1), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6836. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Carrying Semiautomatic Pistols with a Round in the Chamber'' (DOE N 473.1), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6837. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program'' (RIN1901–AA75), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6838. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Password Generation, Protection and Use'' (DOE N 205.3 and G 205.3–1), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6839. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Polygraph Examination Regulations'' (RIN1992–AB24), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6840. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the sharing of health care resources between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC–6841. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to several initiatives for Gulf War veterans; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC–6842. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''DIC Benefits for Survivors of Certain Veterans Rated Totally Disabled at the Time of Death'' (RIN2900–AJ65), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC–6843. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to the Taliban (Afghanistan) that was declared in Executive Order 13129 of July 4, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6844. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendment of Affordable Housing Program Regulation'' (RIN3069–AA82), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6845. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Devolution of Corporate Governance Responsibilities'' (RIN3069–AA89), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6846. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Required Use of Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form'', received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6847. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Amendments to the PHAS'' (RIN2577–AC08) (FR–4497–F–05), received January 14, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6848. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Encryption Items'' (RIN0694–AC11), received January 18, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6849. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Technical Amendments'', received December 7, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6850. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance; 65 FR 1554; 01/11/00'' (FEMA Docket No. FEMA–7724), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6851. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''List of Communities Eligible for the Sale of Flood Insurance; 65 FR 1555; 01/11/00'' (FEMA Docket No. FEMA–7726), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6852. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Food Distribution Programs: Definition of Indian Tribal Household'' (RIN0584–AB67), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC–6853. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fee Increase for Meat and Poultry Inspection Services'' (RIN0583–AC67), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6854. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Food Ingredients and Sources of Radiation Listed or Approved for Use in the Production of Meat and Poultry Products'' (RIN0583–AB02), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6855. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Exemption of Retail Operations from Inspection Requirements'' (99–055R), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6856. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Scale Requirements for Accurate Weights, Repairs, Adjustments, and Replacement After Inspection'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6857. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Sanitation Requirements for Official Meat and Poultry Establishments'' (RIN0583–AC39), received November 23, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6858. Congressional Review Coordinator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Importation of Pork and Pork Products from Yucatan and Sonora, Mexico'' (Docket # 97–079–2), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6859. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Food Distribution Programs: Implementation of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996'' (RIN0584–AC49), received January 3,

2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6860. A communication from the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing'' (RIN0551–AA58), received January 14, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6861. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate'' (Docket # FV99–984–3 FIR), received January 14, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6862. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Domestically Produced and Imported Peanuts: Change in the Maximum Percentage of Foreign Material Allowed Under Quality Requirements'' (Docket # FV–99–997–2 FIR, FV–99–998–1 FIR, FV–99–999–1 FIR), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6863. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Amendments to the Regulations Under the Federal Seed Act'' (Docket # LS–94–012) (RIN0581–AB55), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC–6864. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Business Plan Comments'' (Notice 2000–10), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6865. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Section 817(h) Diversification Requirements for Variable Annuity Contracts'' (Notice 2000–9), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6866. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''TD 8855: Communications Excise Tax; Prepaid Telephone Cards'' (RIN1545–AV63), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6867. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Annual Update of the Service's No-Rule Revenue Procedures'' (Rev. Proc. 2000–3, 2000–1 I.R.B.——), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6868. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Treatment of Income and Expense from Certain Hyperinflationary, Nonfunctional Currency Transactions and Certain Notational Principal Contracts'' (RIN1545–AP78) (TD 8860), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6869. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Purchase Price Allocations in Deemed and Actual Asset Acquisitions'' (RIN1545–AV58) (TD 8858), received January 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6870. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Compliance Monitoring and Miscellaneous Issues Relating to the Low-Income Housing Credit'' (RIN1545–AV44) (TD 8859), received January 14, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6871. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Application of Section 368(a)(1)(A) to Divisive Mergers'' (Rev. Rul. 2000–5, 2000–5 I.R.B. ——), received January 18, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6872. A communication from the Director, Statutory Import Staff, Department of Commerce transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Extend Production Incentive Benefits to Jewelry Manufacturers in the U.S. Insular Possessions'' (RIN0625–AA55), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6873. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Boarding of Vessels in the United States'' (RIN1515–AC29), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6874. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Marketable Treasury Securities Redemption Operations'' (PDGSR99B2), received January 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6875. A communication from the Executive Director of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6876. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled ''Ethnic Cleansing in Kosovo: An Accounting''; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6877. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice transmitting the annual report for 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6878. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cost-sharing arrangements relating to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6879. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to efforts to obtain Iraq's compliance with the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6880. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldava, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6881. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to imports of wheat gluten; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6882. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''FY 98 Report on Accounting for United States Assistance under the Cooperative Threat (CTR) Program''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6883. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Report to Congress on Arms Control, Nonproliferation and Disarmament Studies Completed in 1998''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6884. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Authority Relating to Utility Privatization'' (DFARS Case 99–D309) , received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6885. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Manufacturing Technology Program'' (DFARS Case 99–D302), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6886. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Institutions of Higher Education'' (DFARS Case 99–D303), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6887. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Paid Administration'' (DFARS Case 99–D029), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6888. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Officer, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) Freedom of Information Act Program'' (RIN0790–AG59), received December 15, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6889. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Officer, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''National Reconnaissance Office Freedom of Information Act Program Regulation'', received December 15, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6890. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for chemical weapons destruction in Russia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6891. A communication from the President of the United States transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Security Strategy of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6892. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Access and Purchase Restrictions in Overseas Commissary and Exchange Stores''; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6893. A communication from the Chairman, The Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6894. A communication from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a report relative to Air Force depot maintenance activities for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6895. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Strategy and Threat Reduction transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6896. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Air Force Privacy Act Program'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6897. A communication from the Chairperson, District of Columbia Courts Joint Committee on Judicial Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Planning and Budgeting Difficulties During Fiscal Year 1998'' to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6898. A communication from the Director, Congressional Budget Office , transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Unauthorized and Expiring Authorizations''; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6899. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6900. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the separate appropriations and pay-as-you-go reports as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–6901. A communication from the Public Printer, U.S. Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Status of GPO Access; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC–6902. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule Relating to Insurance Company General Accounts'' (RIN1210–AA58), received January 11, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6903. 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 Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption'' (Docket No. 99F–2907), received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6904. 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 ''Over-the-Counter Human Drugs: Labeling Requirements; Final Rule; Technical Amendment'', received January 13, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6905. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1998 annual report on the ''Employment of Minorities, Women and People with Disabilities in the Federal Government'' and the fiscal year 1998 annual report on ''Pre-Complaint Counseling and Complaint Processing''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6906. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the resignation of the Assistant Secretary for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, and the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6907. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1998 annual report entitled ''Community Services Block Grant Program''; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6908. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program for fiscal years 1994 through 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6909. 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; Alaska'' (FRL #6515–3), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6910. 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 Plan; Louisiana; Transportation Conformity Rule'' (FRL #6514–6), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6911. 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 ''Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants; Available Cyanide in Water'' (FRL #6478–1), received December 21, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6912. 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; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District'' (FRL #6510–7), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6913. 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; New Jersey Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program'' (FRL #6509–4), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6914. 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; Texas; Repeal of Board Seal Rule and Revisions to Particulate Matter Regulations'' (FRL #6510–5), received December 22, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6915. 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; Endangered Status for the Plant 'Plagiobothrys hirtus' (Rough Popcornflower)'' (RIN1018–AE44), received January 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6916. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Data Quality Objectives Process for Hazardous Waste Site Investigations''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6917. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Guidance on Technical Audits and Related Assessments for Environmental Data Operations'' to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6918. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report entitled ''Lead-based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Kansas Authorization Application''; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6919. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Final Rule for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary'' (RIN0648–AN28), received December 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6920. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''International Services Survey: BE–80, Benchmark Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Unaffiliated Foreign Persons'' (RIN0691–AA35), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6921. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for Public Broadcasting transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Public Broadcasting's Services to Minority and Diverse Audiences''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6922. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the revised performance goals and corporate management strategies for the Department's fiscal year 2000 Performance Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6923. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Flood Insurance'' (RIN3052–AB89), received December 10, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6924. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6925. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Apportionment of the Regional Fishery Management Council Membership in 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1999. A bill for the relief of Elian Gonzalez-Brotons; read the first time.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2000. A bill for the relief of Guy Taylor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 2001. A bill to protect the Social Security and Medicare surpluses by requiring a sequester to eliminate any deficit; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2002. A bill for the relief of Tony Lara; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL , and Mr. MCCAIN)):

S. 2003. A bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 242. A resolution notifying the President that the Senate is ready to proceed to business; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 243. A resolution notifying the House that the Senate is ready to proceed to business; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. Res. 244. A resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on January 19, 2000; considered and agreed to.

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STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2000. A bill for the relief of Guy Taylor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to offer today, legislation that would provide lawful permanent residence status to Guy Taylor, a Canadian national who was orphaned at age 16. Guy is now 18.

Guy Taylor was born in Canada but spent the first half of his life in the United States attending school and living with his mother. Guy's father died before he was born. In the summer of 1998, his mother died of a drug overdose. This left him without any other family except for his extensive family in Southern California.

Upon his mother's death, Guy's grandmother, Oleta Hansen, flew to Canada to secure her daughter's body and bring her grandchild back to the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) allowed Guy to temporarily enter the United States by granting him a one-year humanitarian parole. Once the parole expired, the INS extended for one more year. This is a very rare act on the INS' part.

Initially, Guy had sought to obtain permanent resident status by being declared a dependent of a United States court. However, the Orange County, California Social Services referee declined to name Guy a court dependent because he was considered to be under the guardianship of his grandmother.

Because the INS has declared Guy too old to be a dependent of his grandmother, Guy is unable to obtain permanent residence in the United States. Immigration law prohibits permanent legal residency to minor children under the age of twenty-one without their parents.

Guy's dream is to join the United States Army. Although Guy's Army recruiter said he has successfully tested and is qualified for enlistment, without permanent resident status, Guy will be unable to join.

Today Guy, a first-year college student and a young man willing to fight for his adopted country, faces deportation.

News about this young man's imminent deportation has shaken the community in southern California. More than 1,000 of Guy's friends and neighbors have signed a petition calling for legislation on his behalf.

I hope you support this bill so that we can help Guy rebuild his life and continue to contribute to his community in the United States.

Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that the bill and a recent news article depicting the compelling circumstances of Guy Taylor's life be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2000

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR GUY TAYLOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Guy Taylor shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Guy Taylor enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status are filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Guy Taylor, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by one, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

ONE LAST HOPE FOR TEENAGER WHO DESERVES A BREAK

(By Mike Downey)

The calls and letters came in regularly for a while.

''So what became of Guy Taylor?'' ''Whatever happened to that poor kid from Orange County they were trying to kick out of the country?'' It was a story that amazed people, confused people. How could an orphan be ordered to leave his grandparents in the United States and be required to live where he has no family at all?

Eventually, though, everyone forgot Guy and got on with their own lives. The news crews were gone, because nothing was new. No politician came through for Guy in the nick of time, here in a land where campaign speeches preach family values. No loophole in the law was located. No judge found it in his heart to cite extenuating circumstances for a boy who had done nothing wrong.

Guy Taylor could have a country without a home, but no home without a country.

He was born in Canada. He was 16 when his mother died. (The father's identify is unknown.) He celebrated his 17th birthday and high school graduation in Garden Grove, where he came to live with his grandparents. The law said they could be Guy's guardians but not legally adopt him. A judge refused in July to make him a ward of the court, because he was too old.

Unable to establish permanent residence and gain a green card, Guy, who turned 18 a few weeks ago, faces expulsion from the United States.

''What will you do?'' he is asked.

''I try not to think about it,'' he says.

Actually, it is unfair to say that Guy Taylor has been forgotten by all. Not long ago, for example, a United Parcel Service deliveryman was making his rounds in downtown Los Angeles when he spotted Carl Shusterman.

''Hey, aren't you the lawyer who represented that nice kid they were trying to deport to Canada?'' the UPS guy inquired.

''Yes, that's me,'' Shusterman said.

''Whatever happened to him?''

Susterman still hears this question here and there. This case isn't typical of the immigration cases he usually handles. It touched a nerve.

Guy's mother died in Canada from a drug overdose. His grandmother was 17 when she gave birth there. Here's where it gets complicated: To adopt a grandson, the law stipulates she needed to be a U.S. citizen before giving birth (which she was), needed to live in the U.S. for 10 years before giving birth (which she did), but five of those 10 years had to follow her 14th birthday (which they didn't).

The family has tried everything it can think of, including petitions and appeals to politicians, to keep Guy here.

''Show him your Native American card,'' Shusterman tells him in his law office.

Guy slides a laminated badge across a conference table. Issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian affairs, it identifies Guy Douglas Taylor as officially being of ''1/32nd Choctaw'' heritage.

Since exemptions are given to Native Americans in immigration matters, Guy's grandmother, Oleta Hansen, who has some Choctaw blood in her, figured it was worth a try. That's how desperate she and her husband, Charles, are to keep their grandson from being sent away. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough Choctaw blood.

The best—perhaps last—chance for Guy could be Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who could introduce a private bill to Congress on the boy's behalf. Her office has been receptive, Shusterman says. And such a bill is not without precedent. Earlier this year, Rep. Bill McCollum (R.–Fla.) proposed one on behalf of Robert Anthony Broley, a 32-year-old felon deported to Canada after serving four years in a Florida prison on 13 counts, including forgery and theft.

Shusterman does not believe it a coincidence that Broley's father is the Republican Party treasurer in McCollum's home district.

''How about a young guy right here,'' Shusterman says of the boy by his side, ''who's been in no trouble at all?''

So here sits Guy, in need of a holiday miracle.

A temporary visa was extended one last time, to next summer. He takes classes at Cypress College and wants to join the U.S. Army, but can't without a green card.

''He's a good boy who does his schoolwork and his chores,'' his grandmother says. ''We're all he has left I was born here. My husband was born here. We want our grandson here with us.''

They were with him at lunch Tuesday, when that same UPS driver happened by.

''Remember that nice kid you asked me about?'' Shusterman said. ''This is him.''

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2002. A bill for the relief of Tony Lara; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to offer today, legislation to provide lawful permanent residence status to Tony Lara, a remarkable young man from El Salvador who has lived in the United States since he was 10 years old.

Tony's story is particularly compelling. In less than twenty years of this young man's life, Tony has faced one tragic setback after another. However, through his optimism, intelligence, and hard work, he has bravely confronted challenges that most would view as insurmountable. In spite of enormous odds, Tony has become a high school graduate, a California State Wrestling Champion and an inspiration to his community.

An unfortunate chapter in Tony's story is that he faces deportation and separation from his younger sister because at age nineteen, Tony is an orphan. Immigration law prohibits permanent legal residency to minor children under the age of twenty-one without their parents.

Ten years ago, Tony Lara and his younger sister Olga were brought to the United States by their parents who were fleeing the civil war in El Salvador. That same year, Tony's mother was deported back to El Salvador. She tragically died in a drowning accident while trying to reenter the United States. Tony's father turned to drugs, abandoned his children and was eventually deported in 1994. He has not heard from him since. At age 11, Tony became a surrogate father to his younger sister.

Tony and his sister were taken in by an uncle who had neglected to care for them. Eventually, Tony's neighbors, Philip and Linda Bracken, invited the children to live with them. The Brackens later adopted Olga, who now has permanent residency in this country. The couple lacked the resources, however, to adopt Tony and at age 16, Tony was left without a home.

Unfortunately, the adults to which Tony turned for advice counseled against turning himself in to the Department of Children Services. They feared he could be deported and would never see his sister again. Tony could not bear losing the only family he had left; thus he remained on his own.

In 1996, Tony met his high school's wrestling coach, Terrence Fisher. Mr. Fisher knew little about Tony's circumstances, but he noticed his slight build and extreme sadness. When the coach had discovered Tony was homeless and hungry, he invited him to live with his family. Mr. Fisher also invited Tony to try out for the school's wrestling team. Although he had never wrestled before, Tony was truly a natural.

By his senior year, Tony had worked hard and captured the California state wresting championship for his age group and weight class. He had also excelled socially and academically. After Tony graduated from high school, he continued to win wrestling championships and has become a role model in his community. He is continuing his education by studying business at West Valley Occupational Center.

Tony has been featured on two television programs. In 1998, he was featured on an NBC news program called ''Beating the Odds,'' which was about young people of great achievement who have overcome enormous obstacles. Last year, Tony was featured on a Univision hour-long special program, which also spoke to Tony's special circumstances.

I can think of no one more deserving of permanent residency in this country.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached bill be entered into the record with this statement.

Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that the bill and a letter from Terrence Fisher, high school coach, which illustrates the compelling nature of young man's circumstance, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2002

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR TONY LARA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Tony Lara shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Tony Lara enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status are filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Guy Taylor, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by one, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

TERRENCE FISHER,
Northridge, CA, September 12, 1999.

Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN,
Hart Senate Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR FEINSTEIN: I am a United States citizen and reside with my wife and children in Northridge, California. For the past nine years, I have taught music and coached wrestling, football, and track at El Camino High School in Woodland Hills, California. I write to ask your help in sponsoring a private bill to grant Gerardo (''Tony'') Lara permanent residency.

Tony is a nineteen year old national of El Salvador who has resided in this country since 1990, and against all odds, has become a high school graduate and California State Wrestling Champion. In 1990, Tony and his sister Olga were brought to the United States by their parents who were fleeing civil war. Tony and Olga were then ten and four years old, respectively.

The same year, Tony's mother was deported back to El Salvador. When she again fled civil war in her country and tried to reenter the United States, she died in a drowning accident. Tony's father turned to drugs, effectively abondoning Tony and Olga in the United States. From 1991 on, Tony became a surrogate father to his baby sister.

Between 1990 and 1996, Tony somehow managed to survive and care for his sister. Tony's father was jailed repeatedly for drugs and in 1994 was finally deported. Tony and Olga were given free housing in their uncle's rented apartment, but the uncle was almost never home. Eventually Tony's neighbors, Philip and Linda Bracken, invited Olga to live with them. Olga's relationship with the Brackens became increasingly close, and they eventually adopted Olga. Because of the adoption, Olga now has permanent residency in this country. The Brackets lacked the resources to adopt Tony along with his sister.

Tony was left on his own. When he had money, he would eat at fast food restaurants. When he did not have money, he would ask his friends for food. Sadly, all adults whom Tony sought help from about

his situation told him that if he turned himself in to the Department of Children Services, he could be deported and would never see his sister again. Tony could not bear losing the only family he had left, and thus remained on his own.

I met Tony in 1996 when he was a student at El Camino Real High School. Tony was a tiny kid, just the size to qualify as a wrestler in the 105-pound division. Though Tony had no wrestling experience, I invited him to try out for the school's wrestling team. Tony had never wrestled before but was a natural. By his senior year, he captured the California state championship for his age group and weight class. I've never coached anyone who works as hard as has Tony.

I initially knew little of Tony's background, but noticed his extreme sadness. When I asked Tony why he was so sad, he confided in me that he was homeless and hungry. I then invited Tony to live with my family. Tony shares a bedroom with my son. Since moving in with our family, Tony has prospered both socially and academically. I am sure that is because for the first time since he was ten, he has had the loving support of a family and adequate food and shelter. Tony graduated high school and continues to win championships. He is continuing his education by studying business at West Valley Occupational Center.

Tony has no legal immigration status. His inability to secure permanent residency cannot be attributed to any lack of effort on Tony's part. Tony has a list of forty professionals (lawyers, teachers and guidance counselors) he sought legal advice from. Time and time again, he was told that if the authorities knew of his immigration status or the fact that had no parents in the United States, he would be separated forever from his baby sister. The tragedy is that we now know that had Tony become a ward of the court before age 16, he could have filed a special immigrant visa petition and obtained legal status. And had suspension of deportation not been eliminated in the 1996 immigration law, Tony would easily have qualified for suspension of deportation.

I am asking for your assistance in sponsoring a private bill on Tony's behalf. I am told that the enactment of a private bill is extremely rare and a real longshot. But Tony's whole life has been a longshot, and I believe that he will overcome the difficulties of securing permanent residency just as he has overcome all the many other obstacles in his life.

In a time where anti-immigrant sentiments still run high in California, it is important to remember that it was not Tony's choice that his parents fled to the United States during a time of civil war, and it was not his choice that his mother drown in a river or that his father turn to drugs. It was Tony's choice to overcome these tragedies, to care for his baby sister, and to succeed as a high school graduate and a state wrestling champion. To recognize these achievements, Tony was featured in an NBC news program called ''Beating the Odds.''

The United States would undoubtedly benefit from the contributions that Tony will make as a permanent resident in this country, and I can think of no young man more deserving of our country's support. It is hard to imagine Tony now returning to El Salvador. He would suffer not only extreme poverty (Tony has a weak command of Spanish and no ability to write in Spanish) but extreme emotional distress from losing the family support he has finally found at my home. Most importantly, Tony would suffer the loss of contact with his U.S. citizen sister, now age 12. Our family would also suffer if separated from Tony, as he has truly become a member of our family and the community in which we work and live.

I look forward to meeting with you further to discuss my request for your assistance. I am joined in asking for your support from the people listed on the attached pages. I thank you in advance for you consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

TERRENCE FISCHER.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2003. A bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

KEEP OUR PROMISE TO AMERICA'S MILITARY RETIREES ACT

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator PAUL COVERDELL and Senator JOHN MCCAIN today in introducing the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act. This legislation honors our nation's commitment to the men and women who served in the military by upholding the promise of health care coverage in return for their selfless dedication.

Last year, the Senate began to address critical recruitment and retention problems currently facing our nation's armed services. The pay table adjustments and retirement reform enacted in the fiscal year 2000 Department of Defense Authorization bill were both long overdue improvements for our active duty military personnel. However, these improvements do not solve our country's difficulty in recruiting and keeping the best and the brightest in the military. In order to maintain a strong military for now and in the future, our country must show that it will honor its commitment to military retirees and veterans as well.

For years, men and women who joined the military were promised lifetime health care coverage for themselves and their dependents. Prior to June 7, 1956, no statutory health care plan existed for military personnel. Even when the Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) was enacted that year, the health care coverage was dependent upon the space available at military treatment facilities. Post-Cold War downsizing, base closures, and the reduction of health care services at military bases have limited the health care options available to military retirees.

In my home state of South Dakota, I have heard from many military retirees who are forced to drive hundreds of miles to receive care. As a final disgrace, military retirees are currently kicked off the military's Tricare health care system when they turn 65. This is a slap in the face to those men and women who have sacrificed their livelihood to keep our country safe from threats at home and abroad.

The Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act restores adequate health care coverage to all military retirees. For those retirees who entered the armed services before June 7, 1956, when CHAMPUS was created, my legislation will honor the promise of health care coverage for life. This will be accomplished by allowing military retirees to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), with the United States paying 100 percent of the costs. Military retirees who joined the armed services after space-available care was enacted into law in 1956 will be allowed to enroll in FEHBP or continue to participate in Tricare—even after they turn 65. These military retirees who choose to enroll in FEHBP will pay the same premiums and fees as all other federal employees in the program.

The Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act has been endorsed by the National Military and Veterans Alliance and its member organizations. Companion legislation in the House of Representatives already has over 220 bipartisan cosponsors thanks to unprecedented grassroots support by military retirees nationwide.

A promise made should be a promise kept. We owe it to our country's military retirees to provide them with the health care they were promised. These men and women stood ready to answer the call to defend our rights, anytime and anywhere. It is now our duty to answer their calls for better health care.

We also owe it to ourselves to help attract and keep qualified men and women in our military by showing potential recruits and active duty personnel that our country honors its commitment to those who serve it. We have a long way to go, but I will continue to work to make sure our country's active duty personnel, military retirees, and veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objecton, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2003

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) No statutory health care program existed for members of the uniformed services who entered service prior to June 7, 1956, and retired after serving a minimum of 20 years or by reason of a service-connected disability.

(2) Recruiters for the uniformed services are agents of the United States government and employed recruiting tactics that allowed members who entered the uniformed services prior to June 7, 1956, to believe they would be entitled to fully-paid lifetime health care upon retirement.

(3) Statutes enacted in 1956 entitled those who entered service on or after June 7, 1956, and retired after serving a minimum of 20 years or by reason of a service-connected disability, to medical and dental care in any facility of the uniformed services, subject to

the availability of space and facilities and the capabilities of the medical and dental staff.

(4) After 4 rounds of base closures between 1988 and 1995 and further drawdowns of remaining military medical treatment facilities, access to ''space available'' health care in a military medical treatment facility is virtually nonexistent for many military retirees.

(5) The military health care benefit of ''space available'' services and Medicare is no longer a fair and equitable benefit as compared to benefits for other retired Federal employees.

(6) The failure to provide adequate health care upon retirement is preventing the retired members of the uniformed services from recommending, without reservation, that young men and women make a career of any military service.

(7) The United States should establish health care that is fully paid by the sponsoring agency under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program for members who entered active duty on or prior to June 7, 1956, and who subsequently earned retirement.

(8) The United States should reestablish adequate health care for all retired members of the uniformed services that is at least equivalent to that provided to other retired Federal employees by extending to such retired members of the uniformed services the option of coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the uniformed services, or the TRICARE Program.

SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF MILITARY RETIREES UNDER THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM.

(a) EARNED COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN RETIREES AND DEPENDENTS.—Chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8905, by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(h) For purposes of this section, the term 'employee' includes a retired member of the uniformed services (as defined in section 101(a)(5) of title 10) who began service before June 7, 1956. A surviving widow or widower of such a retired member may also enroll in an approved health benefits plan described by section 8903 or 8903a of this title as an individual.''; and

(2) in section 8906(b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''paragraphs (2) and (3)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (2) through (5)''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(5) In the case of an employee described in section 8905(h) or the surviving widow or widower of such an employee, the Government contribution for health benefits shall be 100 percent, payable by the department from which the employee retired.''.

(b) COVERAGE FOR OTHER RETIREES AND DEPENDENTS.—(1) Section 1108 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 1108. Health care coverage through Federal Employees Health Benefits program

''(a) FEHBP OPTION.—The Secretary of Defense, after consulting with the other administering Secretaries, shall enter into an agreement with the Office of Personnel Management to provide coverage to eligible beneficiaries described in subsection (b) under the health benefits plans offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits program under chapter 89 of title 5.

''(b) ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES; COVERAGE.—(1) An eligible beneficiary under this subsection is—

''(A) a member or former member of the uniformed services described in section 1074(b) of this title;

''(B) an individual who is an unremarried former spouse of a member or former member described in section 1072(2)(F) or 1072(2)(G);

''(C) an individual who is—

''(i) a dependent of a deceased member or former member described in section 1076(b) or 1076(a)(2)(B) of this title or of a member who died while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days; and

''(ii) a member of family as defined in section 8901(5) of title 5; or

''(D) an individual who is—

''(i) a dependent of a living member or former member described in section 1076(b)(1) of this title; and

''(ii) a member of family as defined in section 8901(5) of title 5.

''(2) Eligible beneficiaries may enroll in a Federal Employees Health Benefit plan under chapter 89 of title 5 under this section for self-only coverage or for self and family coverage which includes any dependent of the member or former member who is a family member for purposes of such chapter.

''(3) A person eligible for coverage under this subsection shall not be required to satisfy any eligibility criteria specified in chapter 89 of title 5 (except as provided in paragraph (1)(C) or (1)(D)) as a condition for enrollment in health benefits plans offered through the Federal Employees Health Benefits program under this section.

''(4) For purposes of determining whether an individual is a member of family under paragraph (5) of section 8901 of title 5 for purposes of paragraph (1)(C) or (1)(D), a member or former member described in section 1076(b) or 1076(a)(2)(B) of this title shall be deemed to be an employee under such section.

''(5) An eligible beneficiary who is eligible to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program as an employee under chapter 89 of title 5 is not eligible to enroll in a Federal Employees Health Benefits plan under this section.

''(6) An eligible beneficiary who enrolls in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program under this section shall not be eligible to receive health care under section 1086 or section 1097. Such a beneficiary may continue to receive health care in a military medical treatment facility, in which case the treatment facility shall be reimbursed by the Federal Employees Health Benefits program for health care services or drugs received by the beneficiary.

''(c) CHANGE OF HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN.—An eligible beneficiary enrolled in a Federal Employees Health Benefits plan under this section may change health benefits plans and coverage in the same manner as any other Federal Employees Health Benefits program beneficiary may change such plans.

''(d) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.—The amount of the Government contribution for an eligible beneficiary who enrolls in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5 in accordance with this section may not exceed the amount of the Government contribution which would be payable if the electing beneficiary were an employee (as defined for purposes of such chapter) enrolled in the same health benefits plan and level of benefits.

''(e) SEPARATE RISK POOLS.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall require health benefits plans under chapter 89 of title 5 to maintain a separate risk pool for purposes of establishing premium rates for eligible beneficiaries who enroll in such a plan in accordance with this section.''.

(2) The item relating to section 1108 at the beginning of such chapter is amended to read as follows:

''1108. Health care coverage through Federal Employees Health Benefits program.''.

(3) The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on January 1, 2001.

SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF COVERAGE OF CIVILIAN HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROGRAM OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

Section 1086 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking ''Except as provided in subsection (d), the'', and inserting ''The'';

(2) by striking subsection (d); and

(3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (h) as subsections (d) through (g), respectively.

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ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to penalties for crimes involving cocaine, and for other purposes.

S. 162

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to change the determination of the 50,000-barrel refinery limitation on oil depletion deduction from a daily basis to an annual average daily basis.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

S. 398

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 398, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Native American history and culture.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 484, a bill to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend the internal revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain farm rental income from net earnings from self-employment if the taxpayer enters into a lease agreement relating to such income.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to impose certain limitations on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

S. 693

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 693, a bill to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 784

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 784, a bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to provide for full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for certain severe biologically-based mental illnesses and to prohibit limits on the number of mental illness-related hospital days and outpatient visits that are covered for all mental illnesses.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of the mortality and adverse outcome rates of medicare patients related to the provision of anesthesia services.

S. 820

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.

S. 872

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 872, a bill to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

S. 956

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 956, a bill to establish programs regarding early detection, diagnosis, and interventions for newborns and infants with hearing loss.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide a patent term restoration review procedure for certain drug products.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1472

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to modify employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to the percentages in effect before the statutory temporary increase in calendar year 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 1526

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to amend the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act to improve the procedures for restricting imports of archaeological and ethnological material.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to provide for an interim census of Americans residing aboard, and to require that such individuals be included in the 2010 decennial census.

S. 1754

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill entitled the ''Denying Safe Havens to International and War Criminals Act of 1999.''

S. 1851

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1851, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that seniors are given an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and volunteers for certain programs.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to delay the effective date of the final rule regarding the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to provide for the payment of compensation to the families of the Federal employees who were killed in the crash of a United States Air Force CT–43A aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia, carrying Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and 34 others.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to expand the number of acres authorized for inclusion in the conservation reserve.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to enhance criminal penalties for election law violations, to clarify current provisions of law regarding donations from foreign nationals, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 242—NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 242

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

SENATE RESOLUTION 243—NOTIFYING THE HOUSE THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO PROCEED TO BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 243

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

SENATE RESOLUTION 244—EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGIC FIRE AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, ON JANUARY 19, 2000

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 244

Whereas at approximately 4:30 a.m. on January 19, 2000, a fire broke out in the commons area on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six story residence hall housing 600 students at Seton Hall University, and this fire took the lives of three students—Frank S. Caltabilota of West Long Beach, New Jersey, John N. Giunta of Vineland, New Jersey and Aaron C. Karol of Green Brook, New Jersey, and, in addition, 58 persons were injured including 54 students, two South Orange firefighters and two South Orange police officers;

Whereas numerous Seton Hall students risked their own lives as the fire broke out to save the lives of their fellow dormitory residents;

Whereas firefighters, paramedics, police officers and other emergency personnel from the surrounding communities worked bravely into the early morning darkness to reduce casualties and extinguish the fire;

Whereas the entire Seton Hall University community has banded together in grief to remember the fallen students, and numerous people outside the university recognize the enormity of this tragedy and the need to do everything possible to keep it from happening again since every student should be able to pursue an education in a safe, secure environment: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its sympathy to the families and friends of Frank S. Caltabilota, John N. Giunta and Aaron C. Karol on the occasion of the funeral service on January 25, 2000;

(2) expresses its hope for a speedy recovery to those students, firefighters and police officers injured in the fire;

(3) expresses its support for all of the students, faculty and staff at Seton Hall University as they heal from the tragedy;

(4) expresses its support and thanks to the brave firefighters, paramedics, police and other emergency workers who saved numerous lives;

(5) pledges to ensure that Federal, State and local government entities work together to prevent a tragedy like this from occurring again, so that our nation's college students can live, work and study in the safest possible environment.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, 10 a.m., in SH–216 of the Senate Hart Building. The subject of the hearing is ''Reducing Medical Error: A look at the Iom report.'' For further information, please call the committee, 202/224–5375.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, SAFETY, AND TRAINING

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, 2:30 p.m., in SD–430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is ''Safe at Home: OSHA and the Modern Day Workplace.'' For further information, please call the committee, 202/224–5375.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Subcommittee on Public Health, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2000, 9 a.m., in SD–430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is ''Gene Therapy: Promoting Patient Safety.'' For further information, please call the committee, 202/224–5375.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

INTERSTATE WASTE BILLS

• Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to once again address the issue of the interstate movement of municipal solid waste. This is an issue that I have been working on for over five years, Mr. President. In 1994, I proposed legislation (S. 2126) that would have authorized localities to impose reasonable limits on imports of municipal solid waste from other states. That legislation did not pass, and even though most communities now negotiate compensation from landfills that imports waste, they negotiate with no real authority to power. In 1997, I re-introduced that bill (S. 448). In 1999 during the 106th Congress, and working with Senator WARNER, I introduced new language that I had hoped would spur discussion and perhaps some creative approaches to solving this problem.

I have tried, as have many other Members including Senators WARNER, BAUCUS, Coats, SPECTER, VOINOVICH, BAYH, CONRAD, SANTORUM, of course Senator CHAFEE, to come to grips with this issue in some reasonable way. We have all tried to come up with legislation that would provide states and localities with some method of refusing the detritus from other states when it becomes an imposition, or a hazard. The Environment and Public Works Committee did have a hearing last summer on this issue, but unfortunately no mark up was held after that hearing. All of our efforts, singly and in concert, have had little effect.

As of today Virginia remains the second largest importer of waste in the US, with the level of waste imported increasing from approximately 2.8 million tons in 1997 to 4.6 million tons in 1998. The figures for 1999 are not in yet but we can safely assume that they are higher still. On May 29th 1996, Mayor Giuliani and Governor George Pataki announced that in December of 2001 the Fresh Kills landfill will close. Fresh Kills remains the point of disposal for much of New York City's waste. Let me quote from a 1997 report prepared by the Congressional Research Service on this looming closure.

How the city will replace Fresh Kill's capacity is unclear. At present, there are few options other than an expanded recycling program and out-of-state disposal. A 1996 report for the city's Department of Sanitation concluded that, given current disposal sites, the city would consume virtually all of the available disposal capacity located within a 365-mile radius.

New York City and the state of New York have done virtually nothing since that time to increase in-state capacity. I would pose this question to each Senator. Envision the largest city in your state with a solid waste disposal problem of this magnitude, can you imagine your state government, and the mayor of that city simply ignoring the problem and failing to do anything about it? Admittedly, we have some tussles in Virginia, but when we have a problem, we try our level best to solve it ourselves, before we ask the rest of the Union to carry the weight.

This session it is critical that we get something done on this issue. Because when Fresh Kills closes we can expect a lot of additional waste to come our way. Each additional 1 million tons of waste that comes to Virginia will result in 40,000 additional tractor trailer trips on Virginia highways, if the trucks observe the legal weight limit. If they don't, we will have fewer, but more dangerous trucks.

Mr. President, a principle of public health protection embodied in the most basic practices of solid waste disposal is that waste should move as quickly as possible from point of origin to point of disposal. Moving waste over 300 miles through the most congested portion of this country makes no sense, but it will continue unless we move to stop it. Therefore, Mr. President, I urge that the Environment and Public Works committee move to mark up a bill that will help those of us in Virginia, and Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and other unwary states to cope with, and put reasonable restrictions on waste coming into our states.

I have proposed an alternative option, but if that can't or won't be taken up by the Environment and Public Works Committee, I am ready to support any and all legislation aimed at empowering states to have some control over waste imports. To that end I ask that I be added as a co-sponsor to both the Specter and Voinovich bills. I will be willing to support any other legislation that serves my stated purpose.

In 104th Congress we came very close to passing an interstate waste bill. Senator SMITH of New Hampshire worked tirelessly on that bill, and was integral to its passage in the Senate. I hope as chairman, he will take up this issue once again, and move a bill through committee for consideration by the full Senate.

We were sent here to tackle complex issues and solve problems. We need to work together, and start now, so that an interstate waste bill will be one of the accomplishments of this year.●

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HONORING BROTHER RONALD GIANNONE

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a true champion of humanity. A man whose whole life has been a gift of service without material reward. A man whose work has as much meaning for the poor and disenfranchised in Sudan as it does for the poor and disenfranchised in his Wilmington community. A man whose faith in the human spirit abounds. A man that I proudly call my friend, the Executive Director of Delaware's Ministry of Caring, Brother Ronald Giannone.

This week, business and community leaders and hundreds of Brother Ronald's closest friends from across the State of Delaware will gather to celebrate his fiftieth birthday. This Golden Birthday bash principally is to thank him fifty-times over for his countless years of service to our community. We will salute him because of who Brother Ronald is, what he represents and how much he means to improving the quality of life in my home State.

Let me be specific. Brother Ronald is the kind of guy who when asked by a man or a woman down on his or her luck, ''Can you spare a dime?'' responds with a meal, a place to stay and a rigorous routine of training and education to help keep that man or woman from the throes of homelessness and despair. He is hope to the hopeless, an oasis of strength and inspiration for all those who benefit from his generosity.

For these reasons, Brother Ronald is a true Delaware treasure, but still there is so much more. Brother Ronald is an exemplary administrator. There is, quite simply, no other organization like his Ministry of Caring. His 32 full-time facilities address every need of an individual or family who finds themselves homeless, destitute and/or in transition. He clothes, he shelters, he feeds, he takes care of children, he helps develop skills, he finds jobs, he provides medical care, he cares. He teaches those who need his assistance all the things they must do to be self-sufficient. And for those who seek to provide real change, he exemplifies just what it takes to make real differences in one life.

Still, it does not stop there. Brother Ronald understands that while he feeds someone in the Emmanuel Dining Room, someone else is starving in Sudan. Consequently, his work and Ministry extend far beyond American borders and into the lives of people throughout the world. Few people could have such grand vision and still focus so directly on those suffering in their own hometown. Such is the case with Brother Ronald.

Though I could say much more about this outstanding American, I will add only this. In the words of my hero, my dad, Joseph R. Biden, Sr., ''it is a lucky man that wakes up each morning, puts his feet on the floor, goes to work and believes that it matters.'' Even luckier is the man that does these things, and inspires everyone around him to believe the same. Happy 50th Birthday, Brother Ronald.●

BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT STAFF EXCHANGE

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, since 1983, the United States Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and convey Members' views on issues of mutual concern.

A staff delegation from the United States Congress will be selected to visit Germany April 7 to April 22 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Cultural activities and a weekend visit in a Bundestag Member's district will complete the schedule.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for three weeks this summer. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Staff Exchange is highly regarded in Germany, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff delegation when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Education and Culture Exchanges of the U.S. Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state why they believe they are qualified, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie Veillette

in Congressman REGULA's office, 2309 Rayburn House Building by noon on Friday, March 3.●

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IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL ELMO R. ZUMWALT, JR.

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a titan in our nation's naval history. Early this year, during our recess, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. passed away. Admiral Zumwalt led a disciplined, dedicated, and directed life and career as a leader and, sometimes, as an iconoclast.

Mr. President, Admiral Zumwalt's meteoric rise through the ranks began at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in just three years, yet ranked seventh in his class. Following his graduation from the academy, Zumwalt began a lengthy career on a number of surface warships.

Among those ships was the U.S.S. *Wisconsin,* one of four *Iowa*-class battleships, the largest battleships ever built by the Navy. The four vessels, the *Wisconsin,* the *Iowa,* the *New Jersey* and the *Missouri,* served gallantly in every significant United States conflict from World War II to the Persian Gulf War. Future Admiral Zumwalt, the *Wisconsin's* navigator when the Korean War broke out, extolled her ''versatility, maneuverability, strength, and power.'' Unbeknownst to him, this would not be the last time that he would leave his indelible mark on the great state of Wisconsin.

Following his service in the war, Zumwalt shuttled between the Pentagon and the sea. He excelled in both arenas, but in entirely different ways.

In 1970, President Nixon appointed Zumwalt the youngest Chief of Naval Operations in our history. As CNO, Admiral Zumwalt tackled some of the most divisive and challenging issues not just to hit the Navy, but society at large. And we're still trying to conquer some of them.

Admiral Zumwalt crusaded for a fair and equal Navy. He fought to promote equality for minorities and women at a time of considerable racial strife in our country and at a time of deeply entrenched institutional racism and sexism in the Navy. He pushed so hard against the establishment that he almost lost his job. But thanks to the support of some like-minded reformers, including our esteemed colleague, the late John Chafee, who was then the Secretary of the Navy, Zumwalt prevailed and instituted a host of personnel reforms.

Mr. President, Admiral Zumwalt's efforts to promote equality addressed, in part, an issue that we are tackling anew. Many in Congress and in the Defense Department seem to think that recruitment and retention can be improved simply by increasing pay and benefits. They could learn much from Admiral Zumwalt, who understood the importance not only of boosting pay, but also of changing the service to reflect the wants and needs of service members.

We should follow Admiral Zumwalt's example and take a broader view when we look to improve the lives of our military personnel.

Mr. President, in his later years, Admiral Zumwalt dedicated himself to assisting Vietnam War era veterans who had been exposed to Agent Orange. He played an instrumental role in getting Agent Orange-exposed veterans with cancer a service-connected illness designation. I had the honor of meeting with him to discuss his efforts to increase research funding for Agent Orange related illnesses and to explore options for international cooperation in that research.

Admiral Elmo Zumwalt was a great naval leader, a visionary and a courageous challenger of the conventional wisdom. We will not see the likes of him again. We mourn his passing and salute his accomplishments.●

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ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25. I further ask consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator BOND or designee from 11:30 a.m. until 12 noon, and Senator DURBIN or designee from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

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

Mr. GRAMS. I also ask consent that the Senate stand in recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy conferences to meet, and that upon reconvening the Senate resume consideration of S. 625, the bankruptcy reform bill.

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

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PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., and will then recess until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party conferences. When the Senate reconvenes, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, the bankruptcy reform legislation, under the previous consent agreement. Time agreements have been made on the remaining bankruptcy amendments. Therefore, the Senate is expected to complete action on the bill during Wednesday's session of the Senate. As a reminder, the 12 noon cloture vote for tomorrow has been vitiated, and the debate on the remaining amendments will begin tomorrow, with votes expected to occur on Wednesday at a time to be determined.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 625

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the agreement with respect to the bankruptcy bill be vitiated at the request of the majority leader or minority leader up to the hour of 12 noon on Tuesday.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object.

Mr. President, this new unanimous consent request literally just came to our attention. I want the record to be very clear that the minority, the Democrats, have worked very hard throughout today to obtain the unanimous consent we have already agreed to. If the bankruptcy bill does not go forward, it is not the fault of the minority.

We have done everything we can. We have spent all day coming up with a unanimous consent agreement. I have talked to Senators literally all over the country, getting them to agree to the unanimous consent which has already been agreed to and is now spread across the record of this Senate.

In short, I hope that the majority leader would not object to the unanimous consent agreement that is already in the record. I acknowledge that the majority leader wants permission, and we are going to grant him that permission, to vitiate the unanimous consent agreement prior to noon tomorrow. I hope he does not do that. It would be a shame for this body and a shame for the country if this objection is made because it will take down the bankruptcy bill for the rest of the year. That would be a shame because we have already worked too hard in the effort to get this legislation passed.

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

Mr. GRAMS. I thank the Senator from Nevada for all his efforts.

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ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRAMS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator FEINGOLD.

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

Mr. GRAMS. I yield the floor.

The Senator from Wisconsin is recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

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SUPREME COURT CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULING

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, this morning the Supreme Court issued the most significant ruling in the area of campaign finance and election law since the 1976 landmark decision in Buckley v. Valeo. I am happy to report the Court reaffirmed the core holding

of Buckley: The public's elected representatives have the constitutional power to limit contributions to political campaigns in order to protect the integrity of the political process from corruption or the appearance of corruption.

It is most fitting that this ruling came down this morning as the Senate prepares to return from its long recess. As you know, Mr. President, one of the most important unfinished pieces of business on our agenda is campaign finance reform and the McCain-Feingold bill. The House passed a reform bill last year by a wide bipartisan margin, and now today's Court decision leaves no doubt that a soft money ban, which is the core provision of that bill and of our bill in the Senate, is constitutional. Today's decision has dispatched one of the most persistent and most erroneous arguments against reform. The Court did it by a decisive vote of 6–3. We, as a legislative body, must step up and do what is right, what is constitutional, and what is demanded by the public and pass a ban on soft money.

I will take a minute to discuss this important Supreme Court decision and its implications for our work in this body. The case is Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC. It was an appeal of the decision of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals that struck down contribution limits enacted by the Missouri Legislature to cover State elections. Those limits were modeled on the Federal limit—$1,000 per candidate per election in a statewide election, somewhat lower for candidates for the State legislature. The State statute includes an inflation adjustment so that the limit for statewide races had become $1,075 per election by the time this challenge was filed.

The Missouri limits were upheld by the district court, but they were struck down by the court of appeals. The court of appeals held that the State had not provided adequate evidence of actual or apparent corruption stemming from large contributions to justify the restrictions. It also suggested that the limits were too low and therefore unconstitutional because inflation has eroded the value of a $1,000 contribution since 1974, when the Congress chose that limit for Federal elections.

Today the Supreme Court squarely and decisively rejected the court of appeals analysis. It did so by a 6–3 vote. I might note that it did so by a 4–3 vote of Justices appointed by Republican Presidents. The Court held that there was more than adequate evidence of actual or apparent corruption on which the State legislature could base its judgment that contributions should be limited. The Court noted that the Buckley decision itself provides that evidence. It said:

> Buckley demonstrates that the dangers of large, corporate contributions and the suspicion that large contributions are corrupt are neither novel nor implausible. The opinion noted that the deeply disturbing examples surfacing after the 1972 election demonstrate that the problem of corruption is not an illusory one.

In essence, the Court today rejected the notion that legislatures must amass conclusive evidence of actual corruption in order to justify contribution limits and that each State or Federal legislature must reinvent the wheel each time it passes a new limit. The Court concluded:

> [T]here is little reason to doubt that sometimes large contributions will work actual corruption of our political system, and no reason to question the existence of a corresponding suspicion among voters.

The Court thus found, as advocates for reform have argued for years, that it is reasonable for Congress to conclude that large contributions are corrupting our system. The question has been asked not too long ago in this Chamber, where is the corruption? Today Justice Souter has provided the answer: It is in the big money.

The Court also rejected the argument that because the passage of time has eroded the value of a $1,000 contribution, somehow that limit is now unconstitutionally low, even though it was acceptable in 1974. We have heard this argument time and again on the floor of the Senate. It has been rejected by the Supreme Court. The Court specifically held that Buckley did not establish a constitutional minimum. Instead, the relevant question in Buckley was ''whether the contribution limitation was so radical in effect as to render political association ineffective, drive the sound of a candidate's voice below the level of notice, and render contributions pointless.''

The Court concluded:

> Such being the test, the issue in later cases cannot be truncated to a narrow question about the power of the dollar but must go to the power to mount a campaign with all the dollars likely to be forthcoming. As Judge Gibson, the dissenting judge in the court of appeals, put it, ''the dictates of the first amendment are not mere functions of the Consumer Price Index.''

I have quoted the decision at some length because I think it is crucial that my colleagues hear and understand the very clear and very direct statements of the Supreme Court on questions that were not only at issue in this case but that we have been debating in this body over the past few years. No longer can my colleagues come to this floor and say they would love to support a ban on soft money but it would violate the first amendment for Congress to outlaw unlimited corporate and labor contributions to political parties. This favorite figleaf clutched by opponents of reform was snatched away today by the Supreme Court. That emperor now has no clothes.

Just as 126 legal scholars said over 2 years ago when they wrote to us, today's decision confirms that Congress may constitutionally outlaw soft money in this country. Justice Breyer's concurrence today, joined by Justice Ginsburg, says that explicitly. He writes:

> Buckley's holding seems to leave the political branches broad authority to enact laws regulating contributions that take the form of soft money.

We have more than adequate evidence of at least the appearance of corruption in these unlimited contributions. Furthermore, if Congress can limit individual contributions and ban corporate and labor contributions in connection with Federal elections, surely it can eliminate the soft money loophole through which corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals evade those limits. The constitutionality of the MCCAIN-FEINGOLD bill to ban soft money is simply no longer an open question. The support of the American people for taking such a step is not in doubt either.

What is in doubt is the courage and will of the Senate to do what has to be done. Now that we are back in session, and with the encouragement of the Supreme Court of the United States, we must act. The reason we must act was made very clear by the Supreme Court today. The survival of our democracy depends on our citizens having confidence that their elected officials will vote in accordance with the public interest rather than the interest of their contributors. The appearance of corruption inherent in unlimited contributions calls that confidence into grave question. As the Court said in its opinion today:

> Leave the perception of impropriety unanswered, and the cynical assumption that large donors call the tune could jeopardize the willingness of voters to take part in democratic governance. Democracy works only if people have faith in those who govern. That faith is bound to be shattered when high officials and their appointees engage in activities which arouse suspicions of ''malfeasance and corruption.''

I urge all of my colleagues to read and digest the opinion of the Court in Nixon v. Shrink Missouri Government PAC. The Court has done its duty and spoken in a clear voice. Now we must do ours.

I yield the floor.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:47 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 11:30 a.m.

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NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 24, 2000:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

ALAN GREENSPAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EDWARD B. MONTGOMERY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE KATHRYN O'LEARY HIGGINS, RESIGNED.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA REPUBLIC DAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most important dates on the calendar for the people of India, as well as for the people of Indian descent who have settled in the U.S. and around the world. January 26th is Republic Day, an occasion that inspires pride and patriotism for the people of India.

Exactly one-half century ago, on January 26, 1950, India became a Republic, devoted to the principles of democracy and secularism. At that time, Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected as the nation's first president. Since then, despite the challenges of sustaining economic development and promoting tolerance and cooperation amongst its many ethnic, religious and linguistic communities, India has stuck to the path of free and fair elections, a multiparty political system and the orderly transfer of power from one government to its successor. And, despite external threats to its own security, India still remains committed to playing its rightful role as a major force for peace, stability and cooperation in Asia.

Mr. Speaker, India's population was estimated, just before the beginning of the new millennium, to have reached and exceeded the truly remarkable milestone of one billion people, representing approximately one-sixth of the human race. In just a few years, India will be the most populous nation on earth. It is indeed very encouraging and inspiring that the people of India have lived under a democratic form of government for more than half a century.

In 1997, worldwide attention was focused on India as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of its independence. But, many Americans remain largely unfamiliar with the anniversary that Indians celebrate on January 26th. Yet, Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that there is a rich tradition of shared values between the United States and India. India derived key aspects of her Constitution, particularly its statement of Fundamental Rights, from our own Bill Of Rights. India and the United States both proclaimed their independence from British colonial rule. The Indian independence movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi had strong moral support from American intellectuals, political leaders and journalists.

When Time magazine recently did its ''Person of the Century'' edition, Mahatma Gandhi was selected as one of two runners-up, along with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, behind Albert Einstein. Essentially, the editors at Time recognized Gandhi as one of the three most influential and important people of the entire 20th century. Einstein himself believed that Gandhi was the greatest man of his time, and was quoted as saying: ''Generations to come will scarce believe that such as one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth.''

Just last week, we paid tribute to one of our greatest American leaders, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King derived many of his ideas of non-violent resistance to injustice from the teachings and the actions of Mahatma Gandhi. I am proud that legislation was approved by Congress and signed by the President authorizing the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi here in Washington, DC, near the Indian Embassy on Embassy Row. The proposed statue will no doubt be a most fitting addition to the landscape of our nation's capital and a symbol of U.S.-India friendship.

Mr. Speaker, there is a growing need for India and the United States, the two largest democracies of the world, to work together on a wide variety of initiatives. India and the U.S. do not always agree on every issue. But I regret that the scant coverage that India receives in our media, and even from our top policy makers, tends to focus only on the disagreements. In fact, our national interests coincide on many of the most important concerns, such as fighting the scourge of international terrorism and controlling the transfer of nuclear and other weapons technology to unstable regimes. In 1999, when Pakistani forces attacked positions on India's side of the Line of Control in Kashmir, I was very encouraged to see that the United States recognized that India was acting legitimately, in its self-defense, and that American pressure was brought to bear to convince Pakistan to call off its reckless and ill-advised attacks. I hope we can build on this progress in our bilateral relations, with the U.S. recognizing and respecting India's legitimate security needs. Given India's size and long-term record of democratic stability, I believe that India should be made a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council—a goal that I hope the United States will come to support, in light of the increasingly important role India will play in world affairs in the 21st century.

India's vast middle class represents a significant and growing market for U.S. trade, while the country's infrastructure needs represent a tremendous opportunity for many American firms, large, small and mid-size. Most of the U.S. sanctions imposed on India in 1998 have been relaxed, and I will work towards the removal of the remaining sanctions. We must continue to work to preserve or restart economic relations that have developed during the past decade, which witnessed such profound changes in our bilateral relationship, while creating a positive atmosphere for new economic relations. At the same time, I hope that we can continue to build upon educational, cultural and other people-to-people ties that have developed between our two countries. I look forward to seeing the Indian-American community, more than one million strong, continue to provide the important human ''bridge'' between our the two countries.

Republic Day is being observed in America, as well as in India. On Saturday, January 22, 2000, the Indian Americans of the National Capital Area held a Gala Banquet at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, in honor of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Republic of India. On Wednesday, January 26, 2000, the Embassy of India in Washington will hold a reception to mark this great occasion.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me again congratulate the people of India on the occasion of Republic Day. I hope that this new century will witness a U.S.-India relationship that lives up to the great potential offered by India's and America's shared commitment to democracy.

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH A. STEWART, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph A. Stewart, Sr. for his many years of service and countless contributions to the community.

As a longtime friend who enriched the life of everyone around him, Joseph was a friendly, outgoing gentle man who always had something nice to say to everyone. He enriched the life of everyone he touched, including mine.

Joseph Stewart, Sr. was born in Cleveland's Slavic village where he went on to graduate from St. Stanislaus Elementary School and attended Cathedral Latin School until he moved to New Milford, in Portage County. In 1935, he graduated from high school where he was an outstanding athlete participating in track, basketball and football.

Joseph's commitment to community and family was demonstrated from the 1940's until the early 1960's, during which he operated Joseph's Meat Market on Sowinski Avenue. He and his wife Helen would often give meat and groceries to local customers who could not pay to make sure that these families had enough to eat.

Joseph served his state and country well by joining the Ohio National Guard and served at Camp Perry in Port Clinton. Joseph, most recently serving as a budget analysts in Cleveland's Finance Department from the 1970's until he retired in 1985, lived a full, rich life of public service in the Cleveland area. He previously was employed at E.F. Hauserman Company as a payroll manager. There he became a founding member and officer of the credit union.

Joseph A. Stewart was a unique ray of sunshine at Cleveland City Hall when I had an opportunity to work with him as Mayor. He leaves behind a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a brother. He will be greatly missed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2000 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, since 1983, the United States Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and convey Members' views on issues of mutual concern.

A staff delegation from the United States will be selected to visit Germany during April 7 to April 22 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Cultural activities and a weekend visit in a Bundestag Member's district will complete the schedule.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for three weeks this summer. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Exchange is highly regarded in Germany, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchanges of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state why they believe they are qualified, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie Veillette in Congressman REGULA's office, 2309 Rayburn House Building, by noon on Friday, March 3.

IN HONOR OF RUSSELL MANZATT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russell Manzatt. He celebrated his 100th birthday on January 1, 2000.

Russell grew up in Ilasco, Missouri, where his Romanian parents first settled. Many different immigrant groups settled here, and Russell spoke Hungarian, German, Italian and his native Romanian with his playmates. It was his first day of school at the age of five when he was given the name Russell because his teacher could not pronounce his Christian name, Vasile.

As a foreigner in a new land, he had to forge his own way. Russell always had a job. He started selling subscriptions to The Saturday Evening Post and The Country Gentleman. Then he delivered 25-pound slabs of ice with a horse and buggy. When his family was threatened because their butcher business was becoming too successful, the Manzatt family moved to Cleveland.

The city of Cleveland impressed Russell, with his new home's flush toilet to the expanse of Lake Erie. Russell started working again, delivering telegrams during the First World War at the age of fifteen. But his legs were meant for more than delivering telegrams—Russell won a dance contest, went to New York and was cast in a vaudeville chorus show. Before the show was about to tour, his homesickness pulled him back to Cleveland.

During the Depression, he was lucky enough to land a job with Colgate. Though he didn't know what a ''display man'' was, he answered that he could do it. It was when he was setting up a windowfront cosmetics display and blocked himself in, that a store owner taught him what a real display man actually did. From setting up displays, he moved up to being a sales manager in his fifteen years at Colgate until he started his own family and company.

At the Manzatt's West Park Superette, his Colgate contacts helped him stock hard-to-get items after World War Two. The success of the store grew, and was profitable enough to sell for the Manzatts to buy a tavern. While their family lived upstairs from the renovated restaurant-bar, a steady clientele of other neighborhood families frequented the Rockport Inn. Their three children enjoyed the wooded acres behind the family restaurant, where they grew up until they moved into careers of their own. At the peak of the Vietnam war, Russell was 71 and decided to sell the Rockport Inn.

Instead of enjoying a relaxed retirement, he worked as a top salesman of men's clothing until the store closed, at the age of 93. During this time, he enjoyed the growth of his family as his three children were married, had children, and made him a great-grandparent five times over. Though last year, at 99 years old, he decided to stop driving, Russell's former dancing legs have enough energy to take him on long walks for a haircut or just a cup of coffee.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Russell Manzatt.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANCES P. MOSS OF DECATUR, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Dr. Frances P. Moss to the music community throughout the state of Alabama. It is a privilege for me to be able to pay tribute to Dr. Moss on the occasion of her retirement from Calhoun Community College.

Dr. Moss has dedicated thirty-four years of outstanding services to Calhoun Community College's music program. Her greatest asset to the College is her ability to reach out to students and instill them with confidence, skill and knowledge. Her teaching comes from the heart and her love of music is infectious.

She has devoted herself to her students, directing the internationally known Chorale and Madrigal Singers. Her legacy to the state is a composition she arranged, ''Alabama Has it All''. She modernized the music curriculum at Calhoun developing ''college by cassette'', correspondence and intra-term courses.

Dr. Moss is a native of Oxford, Alabama, and she attended Jacksonville State University before receiving her masters and doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and Florida State University. She is a member and active leader of many professional and civic organizations including the Alabama Vocal Association, Alabama Music Educators Association and the Decatur Music Club. She serves as the Minister of Music and Discipleship for her church, Austinville United Methodist Church, a role she has lovingly performed for the past ten years.

I want to offer my best wishes and congratulations to Dr. Moss and those who love her in this well-deserved rest. On behalf of the people of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I thank her for her extraordinary service to our community and our state.

IN HONOR OF FATHER EDWIN J. SCHENKELBURG

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Edwin J. Schenkelburg on the occasion of his retirement. Father Schenkelburg has served St. Mel Parish in multiple capacities for the last twenty-eight years and his presence will surely be missed. Father Schenkelburg has been the backbone of an entire community, and his legacy will last for generations.

A lifelong Cleveland resident, Fr. Schenkelburg has gained work experience in a number of vocations. As a young boy, he helped support his family with his earnings from stocking grocery shelves and delivering newspapers such as the Baseball News and Cleveland Press. He held his first position at

a parish during high school when the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul offered him a job as parish Secretary on the condition that he attend St. Ignatius High School. Over summer and Christmas vacations while at the Seminary Schenkelburg worked in various occupations, including mail carrier, playground instructor, and construction laborer.

Father Schenkelburg's ordination occurred on April 28, 1951 at St. John's Cathedral and was bestowed by Bishop Hoban.

Father Schenkelburg has taken on many challenges as a parish priest including teaching religious classes and serving as the hospital chaplain at Metro Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital. An avid sports enthusiast, he played baseball with the Holy Name Society and started bowling leagues for his parishes.

In addition to providing for the spiritual needs of St. Mel's parishioners, Father Schenkelburg has also been able to assist the church financially by organizing successful bingo games and raffles. The funds earned through these fundraisers allowed St. Mel to make major renovations to the Church and add a Church Hall without the need to solicit building funds from parishioners.

Father Schenkelburg will celebrate his final Mass as Pastor at St. Mel on January 16, 2000, a day designated by the Parish as ''Fr. Ed Day.'' Following the Mass, family and parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate his contributions at a formal reception and dinner.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Father Schenkelburg on his retirement from St. Mel's Parish. I'm proud to have known Father Schenkelburg and I wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM RUSE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to William Ruse, a seasoned health care executive who will be retiring at the end of the year 2000 after 43 years of service in the health care industry.

Bill started his career as pharmacist in 1957; and by 1963, upon completing his MBA in Hospital Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, he advanced from pharmacy director to hospital administrator. As President and CEO of Blanchard Valley Hospital, he aggressively began transforming the organization from a small rural hospital to a regional health system. Recognizing the advantages of legal savvy, Bill completed a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree ''in his spare time'' by 1972.

Through his vision and entrepreneurial spirit, he developed programs on uncharted paths. He gained national recognition when he introduced the first ''guaranteed services'' policy in the country in 1974. Then in the early 1980's, Blanchard Valley Health Association was one of the first businesses to band smoking in their facilities. As small hospitals have struggled to maintain a presence in health care, Blanchard Valley has continued to grow and expand by forging partnership relationships that insure their customers' best interests.

His professional leadership positions, awards, honors, and society memberships along with community service accomplishments read like a Who's Who Library. In addition, he has published articles in both health care and law journals.

Bill Ruse is an American we can be proud of in every sense of the word. And one last honor of distinction—he just celebrated his 65th birthday so now we welcome him into our inner circle, the Social Security System. Pat and I would like to express our sincere best wishes to William Ruse and his lovely wife, Donna as they move through their golden years.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS WALKER ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Thomas Walker on his 100th birthday, December 16, 1999. He will be celebrating this joyous occasion with family and friends on February 20, 2000. By this time he will have lived in three centuries.

Born in 1899 in Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas has dedicated his life to working with his hands. He always loved to build and was very talented with his hands. As an electrician in IBEW local 38, he touched so many of his coworkers' lives. They looked toward him for leadership, advice, and friendship for so many years. Thomas also was a dedicated family man. His love for his family and friends has helped carry him so far in life.

At 100 years young, Thomas continues to live a fulfilling and happy life. He has been a wonderful father of four amazing children, Ruth, Dorothy, Thomas Jr., and Dolores. Thomas is loved by his family and the many lives in his community that he has touched. My fellow colleagues, please join me in wishing a loving husband and father a very happy birthday and many more delightful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BEVERLY G. LEMONS OF UNION GROVE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions of Ms. Beverly G. Lemons to the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments. In her distinguished career with TARCOG, she has repeatedly proven her capabilities having been promoted from secretary to bookkeeper to fiscal agent and personnel officer. In this role she has had fiscal responsibility over various grants and contracts. In her most recent duties, she has performed the crucial tasks of budgeting, payroll, contract management and report preparation for funding agencies.

For her vision, hard work and loyalty, I feel that this is an apt honor. Over her 27 year career, she has become a role model for her work ethic and dedication. Her titles include Economic Development Finance Professional and Certified Public Personnel Administrator. Now as she retires, I wish to thank Ms. Lemons for her extraordinary work for my community and this nation.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay homage to Ms. Lemons and thank her for a job well done. I congratulate Ms. Lemons on her retirement and wish her a well-deserved rest. I wish TARCOG the best of luck in coping without her.

IN HONOR OF BILL RANDLE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Bill Randle for receiving the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

Bill Randle has been a notable figure at WRMR 850 AM since his being named ''Top Jock'' by Time in the 1950's. Randle helped start up such acts as Montovani, Jonnie Ray, The Crewcuts, The Diamonds, and even Elvis Presley.

Currently, Bill Randle spends 31 hours a week on the air and also practices law. The Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award is well deserved for a man who has built an impressive career in radio broadcasting. He has given much of his time and effort in producing quality radio broadcasts. His charismatic personality and sense of humor bring character and definition to his show. Randles colleagues and listeners appreciate and admire his professional skill and dedication.

Would my distinguished colleagues please join me in recognizing Bill Randle as he is honored with the Lifetime Achievement A.I.R. Award.

HONORING SOUTH JERSEY'S EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank South Jersey's emergency response personnel who keep our families safe during the holiday season as well as throughout the year. Communities from across South Jersey nominated heroic members of local EMS, Fire and Emergency crews who deserve special recognition for their bravery. I would like to personally express my gratitude to the 20 men and women who put their lives in jeopardy to ensure the safety of ours. Thank you to 20 of South Jersey's bravest men and women.

Javier Matos, Camden City Fire Department Squadron #6

Mary Catalfamo, Chesterfield Township Emergency Management Squadron #269

Lorraine Taraskas, Atco Township Emergency Management Squadron #23

James Newman, Deptford Township Emergency Service Squadron 11–9

Barry Petty, Edgewater Park Township Emergency Service Squadron

William Mason, Newfield Borough Emergency Service Squadron

Donald Ley, Sr., Woodbury Heights Emergency Service Squadron 15–9 and Fire Company 15–01
Clifford Leary, Maple Shade Township Independent Fire Company #1
Robert Harper, Jr., Lawnside Fire Company and Emergency Management Squadron
Albert Freck, Clayton Borough Fire Company Station #41–1
Irene Rowe, Mantua Township Community Ambulance Squadron
Bob Barney, Chesilhurst Fire Company
Robert Davis, Monroe Township Ambulance Association Squadron #29–4
Chief James J. Trautner, National Park Fire Station, #6–8
Chief Brian Cunningham, Hi-Nella Fire Company #1, Station #691
Captain James Hillman, Camden City Fire Department Ladder #2
Frank Sandrock, Camden City Fire Department Rescue #1
Warren Everett, Camden City Fire Department Rescue #1
Al Adomanis, Chews Landing Fire Company #82
Jim Price, Chews Landing Fire Company #82

IN HONOR OF THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they gather for their Rizal Night Celebration on December 18, 1999.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Filipino culture. The Rizal Night is an annual celebration commemorating the birthday of the nation's hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. In addition to honoring Dr. Rizal, the event will induct two sets of officers to the PASO board and PASO Women's Auxiliary Board. This important event will also raise funds for maintaining the newly designed cultural center in Parma, Ohio.

The Philippine American Society of Ohio is a great cultural asset. As it is probably the first group of Filipinos to build a cultural center, their determination and dedication to their heritage is an inspiration to their families and community. Countless people have contributed to the construction of the Center, through financial support, sharing their electrical and painting talents, granting interest-free loans and donations of materials. The construction of the center is testament to the cohesiveness of the Society.

Moreover, I commend the strength of the Philippine American Society for the Medical Missions Projects. Missionaries not only treat patients for their physical ailment, but also provide spiritual support. Their work in reaching out to people living in the Philippines is admirable.

It is with great honor that I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Philippine American Society of Ohio as they celebrate the birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal and congratulate the new board members.

TRIBUTE TO REP. FRANK HORTON

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a former colleague and dear friend, the Honorable Frank Horton of New York.

Representative Horton embodied all the best traditions of this institution. He was known—indeed, was legendary—for outstanding constituent service, for his votes cast in a spirit of bipartisanship and integrity, and for a commitment to the best interests of his district and the nation as a whole. For those of us who had the privilege of serving with him, he was a role model and a special friend.

On the recent occasion of Representative Horton's 80th birthday, his colleague at the law firm of Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, Andrew Fois, composed a moving tribute to this great man. I would like to share it with my colleagues today. I hope you will all take the opportunity to read it; we could all learn a great deal from the example of Frank Horton.

(By Andrew Fois)

Within days of the dawn of the new millennium, a great man of the 20th century marked his 80th birthday. Frank Horton, born on December 12, 1919 in Cuero, Texas, represented parts of Rochester and its surrounding areas for thirty years in the United States House of Representatives. During the course of his remarkable life, Frank Horton saw combat in World War II, engaged successfully in the private practice of law, served as President of the Rochester Redwings minor league baseball franchise, raised a family, published a children's song and as one of the most well-respected congressmen of his generation.

Frank Horton's accomplishments are enough for several lifetimes. What made Frank so remarkable as a congressman, however, is something that is becoming increasingly scarce in the Congress. Although Frank was and always will be a Republican, and represented a majority Republican district, he always put the interests of his district, state and country before those of his party. He was a true bipartisan, able to work effectively with Democrats as well as Republicans. As a testament to the value of that attribute Frank was selected by his New York colleagues to serve as Dean of the New York State delegation—despite the Democrats holding a substantial majority of the seats.

Frank's independence was not universally admired, however. The kind of man Frank Horton is, and the kind of congressman he was going to be, was apparent from his very first vote in Congress in 1963. The issue was the composition of the powerful Rules Committee and the proportion of Democrats, then in the majority, to Republican members. Frank supported the Democrats' position in a vote the outcome of which was certain from the start. While the vote was still pending he was questioned by then Minority Leader Charlie Halleck. ''Son,'' said the older man, ''I think you made a mistake.'' ''No, sir, Mr. Halleck,'' responded the freshman lawmaker, ''I believe that the majority should have the ability to control the committee.'' Halleck just walked away. Before that fateful vote, Frank was in line for a coveted position on the Judiciary Committee. Halleck, however, saw to it that Frank's independence was ''punished'' by ''relegation'' to the Committee on Government Operations, which oversees the federal bureaucracy, and the District of Columbia Committee.

This incident at the start of Frank's Washington career proves two points. First, that brass-knuckle partisanship is not a recent political innovation. Second, sometimes standing up for what you believe pays off in the end because Frank is convinced that Halleck did him a big favor. He went on to serve with great success on the Government Operations Committee for thirty years—most of them as the senior Republican on the panel where he enjoyed a great relationship with its feisty Chairman and fellow Texan, Jack Brooks. Ironically, he also rose to serve on the Committee on Committees, where he helped decide committee assignments for other Republicans.

Despite being a member of the minority, Frank left his mark on important legislation and other issues of substance. He was a tireless watchdog of the executive branch rooting out waste, fraud and abuse and was a leader in the effort to establish inspectors general in federal agencies. He championed legislation to reduce government paperwork and reform federal procurement procedures. He fought for creation of the Department of Education—the only Republican on Government Operations to support it. He was an early proponent of home rule for the District of Columbia and he sponsored legislation honoring Asian-Pacific Americans. He was a founder of the Northeast-Midwest Coalition, helping to focus attention on the distribution of federal funds in the industrial corridor.

But his ability to reach across the aisle and work with his colleagues of the opposite party is Frank's greatest legacy. Unfortunately, few members of either party seem able, or interested in, doing the same today. It is a shame that Frank Horton never saw a single day in the majority despite his thirty years in Congress. If he had been serving the last few years you can be sure that many highly charged matters would have been handled in a much more bipartisan and productive fashion.

Among the professional mementos on display in his office is a personal note coincidentally dated December 12, 1968, from President Lyndon Johnson that stands as summary of, and testament, to Frank's career. In it, the outgoing President writes of the memories he will take with him when he leaves the White House and observes that, ''High among them will always be the knowledge that we stood together, men of different parties, to work for a better America.''

Happy birthday, Frank. And thank you.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH MADZELONKA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Madzelonka for his lifelong dedication to working people. Joe, retired president of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 880, passed away earlier this month at the age of 67. He was a great man and an extraordinary leader.

Joe began his life in the labor industry at the age of 17, when he started working as a bagger at an A&P grocery store. Soon after, he was elected a steward, and eventually a business representative for the union. Joe was an international vice president of his union and

a vice president of the Ohio AFL–CIO and the Cleveland Federation of Labor. Finally, in 1977, Joe became head of the Local 880. He spent his 13 years as president fighting for improving health care and pension benefits. The members of Local 880 speak extremely highly of Joe's years as president and remember him as an individual who worked for the union through some very tough issues and difficult times.

Joe also had a great commitment to his family and friends. When he finally retired in 1990, Joe was elated to be able to spend some time with his wife, Mary, and his four children. He spent much of his time babysitting his adorable and loving grandchildren. Joe was also able to relax in his final years by spending more time with his numerous friends on the golf course.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting a leader, an organizer, and a good man for his contributions to the labor movement and for the inspirations he instilled in us all.

IN HONOR OF GAETANO ''THOMAS'' TRIGILIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 24, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Thomas Trigilio, a devoted husband, a good father, a dedicated co-worker, and a friend in need. You need to shake a lot of hands to know the measure of Thomas Trigilio.

I was a friend of Thomas Trigilio and in that distinction I was in good company. Thomas was made of the stuff that so many Clevelanders love about their own friends and family. Name one of Thomas' qualities and a Clevelander would nod his or her head knowingly. He's the father who worked to give his children every opportunity to succeed. He's the husband who loved his wife above all else. He's the grandfather who couldn't help but spoil his grandchildren. He's the friend from the old neighborhood with which you could share a firm handshake and chuckle over a joke told three times over. He was the inventive genius who always looked for ways to make this a better world. Clevelanders nod their heads because they know Thomas Trigilio.

To have universal qualities does not diminish the preciousness of a single human life. Thomas Trigilio's life was one well led—and precious in its priorities. Thomas' life can be characterized by focus. He was a man that made priorities. Thomas was wise in the priorities that he made. His were perhaps simple choices—but there was a wisdom in that simplicity. Thomas made his wife a priority. He made his children a priority. There is no questioning Thomas Trigilio's choices. That Frances, Josephine, Maria, Anthony, Limeri, Gianni, Alec, and Justin have countless stories to share with each in their moment of grief proves there is no questioning his focus. Thomas Trigilio was a husband, father, and grandfather. And he was good at it.

My fellow colleagues, join me in offering condolences to the family of Thomas Trigilio. Let us seek to emulate his focus. Let us pray for his wisdom in making priorities. Above all, let us honor the legacy of a man we all knew, in one way or another.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 26

9 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine gene therapy, focusing on promoting patient safety.
SD–430

9:30 a.m.
Intelligence
To hold hearings to examine world wide threats to U.S. interests.
SH–216

Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD–366

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings on the Congressional Budget Office's economic and budget outlook.
SD–608

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings on the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
SD–106

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues on enhancing border security.
SD–215

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.
SH–219

FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings on federal spending priorities.
SD–608

FEBRUARY 8

10 a.m.
Budget
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.
SD–608

FEBRUARY 9

9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid.
SD–342

10 a.m.
Budget
To continue hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.
SD–608

FEBRUARY 10

10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To continue hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid.
SD–342

FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.
Budget
To resume hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001.
SD–608

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HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the 106th Congress Convened.

See Résumé and History of Bills of the First Session of the 106th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1999–2003, and S. Res. 242–244. **Page S37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Reported on December 7, 1999 (during sine die adjournment):

S. 1198, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–225)

Reported on January 7, 2000 (during sine die adjournment):

S. 1144, to provide increased flexibility in use of highway funding, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–226)

S. 1114, to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners. (S. Rept. No. 106–227)

Measures Passed:

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 242, notifying the President that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. **Page S2**

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 243, notifying the House that the Senate is ready to proceed to business. **Page S2**

Expressing Sympathy for Seton Hall Victims: Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on January 19, 2000. **Page S6**

Bankruptcy Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the pending cloture vote on S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, be vitiated, and the Senate resume consideration of the bill and certain pending amendments on Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 2:15 p.m. **Pages S11, S44**

Further, that following disposition of certain amendments, the bill be read a third time, the Senate then proceed to the House companion measure, H.R. 833, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 625 be inserted in lieu thereof, the House bill be read a third time and the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of the House bill, as amended. The Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and S. 625 then be placed back on the calendar. **Page S11**

Nominations Returned to the President—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that certain nominations be returned to the President. **Page S11**

Orbit Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate withdraw its request of November 19, 1999 for a conference on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and agree to the conference, with the same conferees previously appointed by the Senate, requested by the House of Representatives on November 10, 1999, which message was transmitted to the Senate today. **Page S11**

Appointments: The Chair announced the following appointments made during the sine die adjournment:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, on behalf of the President pro tempore, after consultation

with the Majority and Minority Leaders, the appointment of the following Senators to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: Senators Stevens and Roberts. **Page S11**

International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 105–277, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, who consulted with the Minority Leader of the House, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: C. Fred Bergsten, of Virginia, vice Paul A. Volcker, of New York, resigned. **Page S11**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Page S45**

Messages From the House: **Pages S14–16**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:03 p.m., and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, January 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S44.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1**

Convening of the Second Session of the 106th Congress: The Chair announced that, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 215, 106th Congress, the House shall conduct no organizational or legislative business on this day. The House will follow the practice announced by the Speaker at the convening of the second Session of the 102nd Congress under a similar order. Bills and resolutions introduced today will be numbered today but will not be noted in the record or referred by the Speaker until January 27, 2000. Executive communications, petitions, and memorials will not be numbered or referred until January 27, 2000. **Page H1**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:00 noon and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 235, 106th Congress, adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until noon on Thursday, January 27, 2000.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 25 through January 29, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday and Wednesday,* Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

On *Thursday,* Senate will meet with the House of Representatives in a joint session to receive the President's State of the Union Message.

On *Friday,* Senate's program is uncertain.

Also, during the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: January 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine reports and initiatives on patient safety, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 25, to hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service, 10 a.m., SD–628.

January 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Budget: January 25, to hold hearings on evolving fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD–608.

January 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Congressional Budget Office's economic and budget outlook, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 26, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: January 25, to hold hearings to examine medical errors, focusing on the Institute of Medicine report, 10 a.m., SH–216.

January 25, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings to review the impact of OSHA regulations on home-based businesses, 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

January 26, Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine gene therapy, focusing on promoting patient safety, 9 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 26, Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings to examine world wide threats to U.S. interests, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

January 26, Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 26, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine issues on enhancing border security, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: January 25, with the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold joint hearings to examine reports and initiatives on patient safety, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

House Chamber

No Chamber action has been scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, January 27, Subcommittee on Legislative Operations, on the House of Representatives and the Library of Congress, 2 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, January 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on OSHA's Enforcement Policy on Employees Working at Home, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, January 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on ''The Decline of DOD Assets in the Fight Against Illegal Drugs,'' 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

January 27, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on ''The Year 2000 Computer Problem: Did the World Overreact and What Did We Learn?'' 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 25, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Terrorist Threats to the United States, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, January 27, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Penalty and Interest Provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through November 22, 1999

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	162	137	..
Time in session	1,183 hrs.	1125 hrs., 2′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	15,226	12,908	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	2,537	..
Public bills enacted into law	48	122	170
Private bills enacted into law	2	1	3
Bills in conference	30	10	..
Measures passed, total	549	657	1,206
Senate bills	182	55	..
House bills	132	292	..
Senate joint resolutions	2	..	..
House joint resolutions	18	21	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	24	6	..
House concurrent resolutions	33	70	..
Simple resolutions	158	213	..
Measures reported, total	348	450	795
Senate bills	245	10	..
House bills	40	279	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	..	..
House joint resolutions	3	9	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	2	13	..
Simple resolutions	48	139	..
Special reports	18	12	..
Conference reports	..	26	..
Measures pending on calendar	142	59	..
Measures introduced, total	2,352	4,241	6,593
Bills	1,997	3,517	..
Joint resolutions	37	85	..
Concurrent resolutions	77	239	..
Simple resolutions	241	400	..
Quorum calls	7	2	..
Yea-and-nay votes	374	320	..
Recorded votes	..	289	..
Bills vetoed	..	5	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 227 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 488 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through November 22, 1999

Civilian nominations, totaling 437, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	274
Unconfirmed	142
Withdrawn	12
Returned to White House	9
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,822, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,043
Unconfirmed	778
Returned to White House	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,234, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,219
Unconfirmed	15
Army nominations, totaling 5,429, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,225
Unconfirmed	204
Navy nominations, totaling 6,590, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,580
Unconfirmed	10
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 2,128, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,127
Unconfirmed	1

Summary

Total nominations received this session	23,640
Total confirmed	22,468
Total unconfirmed	1,150
Total withdrawn	12
Total Returned to White House	10

HISTORY OF BILLS ENACTED INTO PUBLIC LAW

(106th Cong., 1st Sess.)

BILLS ENACTED INTO PUBLIC LAW (106TH, 1ST SESSION)

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BILLS VETOED

H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, and for other purposes. Vetoed Sept. 23, 1999.

H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. Vetoed Sept. 28, 1999.

H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. Vetoed Oct. 18, 1999.

H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. Vetoed Oct. 25, 1999.

H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes. Vetoed Nov. 3, 1999.

Title	Bill No.	Date introduced	Committee		Date Reported		Report No.		Date of passage		Public Law	
			House	Senate	House	Senate	House 106–	Senate 106–	House	Senate	Date approved	No. 106–
To restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.	H.R. 433	Feb. 2 1999	GRO			.....	.....	.....	Feb. 9 1999	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 5, 1999	1
To nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and for other purposes.	H.R. 882	Mar. 1 1999	Agr			.....	.....	.....	Mar. 2 1999	Mar. 8 1999	Mar. 15, 1999	2
To deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999.	S. 447	Feb. 23 1999		LHR	.....		.....	.....	Mar. 10 1999	Mar. 2 1999	Mar. 23, 1999	3
To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program.	H.R. 540	Feb. 3 1999	Com		Mar. 8 1999	.....	44	.....	Mar. 10 1999	Mar. 15 1999	Mar. 25, 1999	4
To extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.	H.R. 808	Feb. 23 1999	Jud		Mar. 9 1999	.....	45	.....	Mar. 11 1999	Mar. 24 1999	Mar. 30, 1999	5
To authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, and for other purposes.	S. 643 (H.R. 99)	Mar. 17 1999	TI		Feb. 2 1999	.....	3	.....	Mar. 24 1999	Mar. 17 1999	Mar. 31, 1999	6
To protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year.	H.R. 1212 (S. 756)	Mar. 22 1999	Agr			.....	.....	.....	Mar. 23 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 1, 1999	7
To provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns, and for other purposes.	S. 314	Jan. 27 1999	SB	SB		Feb. 23 1999	.....	5	Mar. 23 1999	Mar. 2 1999	April 2, 1999	8
To amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in Title III of the Small Business Investment Act.	H.R. 68 (S. 364)	Jan. 6 1999	SB	SB	Jan. 19 1999	Mar. 2 1999	1	6	Feb. 2 1999	Mar. 22 1999	April 5, 1999	9
To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse".	H.R. 92	Jan. 6 1999	TI	EPW EPW	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 17 1999 Mar. 17 1999	20	0	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 23 1999	April 5, 1999	10
To designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse".	H.R. 158	Jan. 6 1999	TI	EPW	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 17 1999	21	0	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 23 1999	April 5, 1999	11
To designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building".	H.R. 233	Jan. 6 1999	TI	EPW	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 17 1999	22	0	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 23 1999	April 5, 1999	12
To designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building".	H.R. 396	Jan. 19 1999	TI	EPW	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 17 1999	23	0	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 23 1999	April 5, 1999	13
Providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.	H.J. Res. 26	Feb. 9 1999	HA			.....	.....	.....	Mar. 23 1999	Mar. 24 1999	April 6, 1999	14
Providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.	H.J. Res. 27	Feb. 9 1999	HA			.....	.....	.....	Mar. 23 1999	Mar. 24 1999	April 6, 1999	15

Providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.	H.J. Res. 28	Feb. 9 1999	HA			.....	.....	.....	Mar. 23 1999	Mar. 24 1999	April 6, 1999	16
To amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program.	H.R. 774	Feb. 23 1999	SB		Mar. 10 1999	.....	47	.....	Mar. 16 1999	Mar. 24 1999	April 6, 1999	17
To authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes.	H.R. 171	Jan. 6 1999	Res	ENR	Feb. 11 1999	Mar. 17 1999	16	24	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 8, 1999	18
To make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives.	H.R. 705	Feb. 11 1999	HA	GA			.....	.....	Feb. 11 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 8, 1999	19
To designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.	H.R. 193	Jan. 6 1999	Res	ENR	Feb. 8 1999	Mar. 17 1999	10	25	Feb. 23 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 9, 1999	20
To extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1376 (S. 767)	April 13 1999	WM		April 13 1999	.....	90	.....	April 15 1999	April 15 1999	April 19, 1999	21
To make technical corrections to the Microloan Program.	H.R. 440	Feb. 2 1999	SB	SB	Feb. 8 1999		12	.....	Feb. 9 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 27, 1999	22
To designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the ''Terry Sanford Federal Building''.	H.R. 911	Mar. 2 1999	TI			.....	.....	.....	April 12 1999	April 15 1999	April 27, 1999	23
To authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.	S. 388	Feb. 8 1999		SB	.....		.....	.....	April 12 1999	Mar. 25 1999	April 27, 1999	24
To provide for education flexibility partnerships.	H.R. 800 (S. 280)	Feb. 23 1999	EWf	LHR LHR	Mar. 8 1999		43	0	Mar. 11 1999	Mar. 11 1999	April 29, 1999	25
To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.	S. 531 (H.R. 573)	Mar. 4 1999	BFS	BHUA			.....	.....	April 20 1999	April 19 1999	May 4, 1999	26
To designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the ''Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building''.	S. 453	Feb. 24 1999	TI	EPW	April 27 1999	Mar. 17 1999	113	0	May 4 1999	Mar. 23 1999	May 13, 1999	27
To designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the ''Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse''.	S. 460	Feb. 24 1999	TI	EPW	April 27 1999	Mar. 17 1999	114	0	May 4 1999	Mar. 23 1999	May 13, 1999	28
To designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.	H.R. 432	Feb. 2 1999	IR	FR		Mar. 23 1999	.....	0	Feb. 2 1999	May 5 1999	May 21, 1999	29
To amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, and for other purposes.	H.R. 669	Feb. 10 1999	IR	FR	Feb. 16 1999	May 11 1999	18	46	Mar. 3 1999	May 12 1999	May 21, 1999	30
Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1141 (S. 544)	Mar. 17 1999	App		Mar. 17 1999	.....	64	8	Mar. 24 1999	Mar. 25 1999	May 21, 1999	31
To declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States.	H.R. 1034	Mar. 9 1999	TI	CST	April 27 1999	May 18 1999	107	0	April 27 1999	May 26 1999	June 1, 1999	32

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To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse".	H.R. 1121	Mar. 16 1999	TI	EPW	April 27 1999		111	.....	May 4 1999	May 26 1999	June 7, 1999	33
To amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1183	Mar. 18 1999	Sci Com		April 29 1999	.....	121	.....	May 11 1999	May 25 1999	June 8, 1999	34
To amend the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, to make a technical correction relating to an emergency supplemental appropriation for international narcotics control and law enforcement assistance.	H.R. 1379	April 13 1999	IR	FR			.....	.....	April 20 1999	May 27 1999	June 15, 1999	35
To make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes.	H.R. 435	Feb. 2 1999	WM			.....	.....	.....	Feb. 9 1999	May 27 1999	June 25, 1999	36
To establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 775 (S. 96)	Feb. 23 1999	Jud SB Com	CST	May 7 1999	Mar. 10 1999	131	10	May 12 1999	June 15 1999	July 20, 1999	37
To declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.	H.R. 4	Feb. 4 1999	AS-H IR		Mar. 2 1999	.....	39	.....	Mar. 18 1999	May 18 1999	July 22, 1999	38
To correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration.	H.R. 2035	June 8 1999	Com		June 25 1999	.....	200	.....	July 12 1999	July 15 1999	July 28, 1999	39
To amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, and for other purposes.	S. 880	April 26 1999		EPW	.....	June 9 1999	.....	70	July 21 1999	June 23 1999	Aug. 5, 1999	40
To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company.	S. 604	Mar. 15 1999	Agr	Agr		June 21 1999	.....	0	July 26 1999	June 28 1999	Aug. 5, 1999	41
To authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.	S. 1258 (H.R. 1225)	June 22 1999	Jud	Jud	June 9 1999	July 1 1999	177	0	July 26 1999	July 1 1999	Aug. 5, 1999	42
To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes.	S. 1259 (H.R. 1565)	June 22 1999	Jud	Jud	July 22 1999	July 1 1999	250	0	July 26 1999	July 1 1999	Aug. 5, 1999	43
To make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws.	S. 1260 (H.R. 1189)	June 22 1999	Jud	Jud	April 12 1999	July 1 1999	84	0	July 26 1999	July 1 1999	Aug. 5, 1999	44
To preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.	H.R. 66	Jan. 6 1999	Res		May 13 1999	.....	137	.....	June 30 1999	July 27 1999	Aug. 10, 1999	45
To clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.	H.R. 2565	July 20 1999	BFS	BHUA			.....	.....	July 26 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 11, 1999	46

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.	S. 1543	Aug. 5 1999			.....	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 13, 1999	47
To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at West 920 Riverside Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the ''Thomas S. Foley Federal Building and United States Courthouse'', and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the ''Walter F. Horan Plaza''.	H.R. 211	Jan. 6 1999	TI			.....	.....	.....	Aug. 2 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	48
To amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects.	H.R. 1219	Mar. 23 1999	Jud GRO		July 30 1999	.....	277	.....	Aug. 2 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	49
To provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1568	April 27 1999	SB VA	SB	June 29 1999	Aug. 4 1999	206	136	June 29 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	50
Making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1664	May 4 1999	App	App	May 4 1999	May 25 1999	125	0	May 6 1999	June 18 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	51
Making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2465 (S. 1205)	July 2 1999	App		July 2 1999	.....	221	74	July 13 1999	July 14 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	52
To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and other purposes.	S. 507 (H.R. 1480)	Mar. 2 1999	TI Res	EPW	April 26 1999	Mar. 23 1999	106	34	July 22 1999	April 19 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	53
For the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes.	S. 606	Mar. 15 1999		Jud	.....	June 10 1999	.....	0	Aug. 2 1999	July 1 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	54
To amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes.	S. 1546	Aug. 5 1999			.....	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Aug. 17, 1999	55
To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.	H.R. 457	Feb. 2 1999	GRO	GA	June 8 1999	Aug. 27 1999	174	143	July 26 1999	Sept. 8 1999	Sept. 24, 1999	56
Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1905 (S. 1206)	May 24 1999	App		May 21 1999	.....	156	75	June 10 1999	Sept. 29, 1999	57	
Making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2490 (S. 1282)	July 13 1999	App		July 13 1999	.....	231	87	July 15 1999	July 19 1999	Sept. 29, 1999	58

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To extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations.	S. 1637	Sept. 24 1999			.....	.....	.....	.....	Sept. 27 1999	Sept. 24 1999	Sept. 29, 1999	59
Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2605 (S. 1186)	July 23 1999	App		July 23 1999	.....	253	58	July 27 1999	July 28 1999	Sept. 29, 1999	60
Congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.	H.J. Res. 34	Feb. 25 1999	VA		June 29 1999	.....	205	.....	June 29 1999	Sept. 28 1999	Sept. 29, 1999	61
Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res. 68	Sept. 27 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Sept. 28 1999	Sept. 28 1999	Sept. 30, 1999	62
To reauthorize the Congressional Award Act	S. 380	Feb. 4 1999	EWf	GA		Mar. 26 1999	.....	38	Sept. 13 1999	April 13 1999	Oct. 1, 1999	63
To extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through March 31, 2000.	H.R. 2981	Sept. 30 1999	Com			.....	.....	.....	Sept. 30 1999	Sept. 30 1999	Oct. 5, 1999	64
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.	S. 1059 (H.R. 1401)	May 17 1999	AS-H		May 24 1999	.....	162	50	June 14 1999	May 27 1999	Oct. 5, 1999	65
To direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College.	S. 293	Jan. 21 1999	Res	ENR		Mar. 16 1999	.....	17	Sept. 27 1999	Mar. 25 1999	Oct. 6, 1999	66
To amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma.	S. 944	May 3 1999	Res	IA	Sept. 27 1999	Aug. 2 1999	338	132	Sept. 27 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Oct. 6, 1999	67
To make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.).	S. 1072	May 18 1999		GA	.....	July 8 1999	.....	105	Sept. 27 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Oct. 6, 1999	68
Making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2084	June 9 1999	App		June 9 1999	.....	180	.....	June 23 1999	Sept. 16 1999	Oct. 9, 1999	69
To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.	S. 1606	Sept. 21 1999			.....	.....	.....	.....	Oct. 4 1999	Sept. 30 1999	Oct. 9, 1999	70
To provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes.	S. 249	Jan. 19 1999	EWf	Jud		Mar. 4 1999	.....	0	May 25 1999	April 19 1999	Oct. 12, 1999	71
To designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the ""J.J. "Jake' Pickle Federal Building".	S. 559	Mar. 8 1999		EPW	.....	May 12 1999	.....	0	Oct. 5 1999	June 16 1999	Oct. 19, 1999	72
To provide for interim continuation of administration of motor carrier functions by the Federal Highway Administration.	H.R. 3036	Oct. 7 1999	TI			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 12 1999	Oct. 14 1999	Oct. 19, 1999	73
Making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2684	Aug. 3 1999	App	App	Aug. 3 1999		286	.....	Sept. 9 1999	Sept. 24 1999	Oct. 20, 1999	74
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res. 71	Oct. 18 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 19 1999	Oct. 19 1999	Oct. 21, 1999	75

To redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.	S. 323	Jan. 28 1999	Res	ENR	Sept. 8 1999	June 8 1999	307	69	Sept. 27 1999	July 1 1999	Oct. 21, 1999	76
To designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the ''Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse''.	H.R. 560	Feb. 3 1999	TI	EPW	April 27 1999	Sept. 29 1999	108	0	May 4 1999	Oct. 8 1999	Oct. 22, 1999	77
Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1906 (S. 1233)	May 24 1999	App	App	May 21 1999	June 17 1999	157	80	June 8 1999	Aug. 4 1999	Oct. 22, 1999	78
Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2561 (S. 1122)	July 20 1999	App		July 20 1999	.....	244	53	July 22 1999	July 28 1999	Oct. 25, 1999	79
To amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.	S. 322 (H.R. 576)	Jan. 28 1999	Jud	Jud	June 9 1999	April 29 1999	176	0	Oct. 12 1999	June 14 1999	Oct. 25, 1999	80
To promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes.	S. 800	April 14 1999		CST	.....	Aug. 4 1999	.....	138	Oct. 12 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Oct. 26, 1999	81
To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.	H.R. 356	Jan. 19 1999	Sci			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 4 1999	Oct. 13 1999	Oct. 27, 1999	82
To designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.	H.R. 1663	May 4 1999	VA	AS-S	Sept. 30 1999		351	.....	Oct. 5 1999	Oct. 20 1999	Oct. 28, 1999	83
To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2841	Sept. 13 1999	Res	ENR	Sept. 27 1999		337	.....	Sept. 27 1999	Oct. 19 1999	Oct. 28, 1999	84
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res. 73	Oct. 27 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 28 1999	Oct. 28 1999	Oct. 29, 1999	85
To authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, and for other purposes.	H.R. 659	Feb. 9 1999	Res	ENR	May 13 1999		139	.....	June 22 1999	Oct. 14 1999	Oct. 31, 1999	86
To reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.	H.R. 2367	June 29 1999	IR Com			.....	.....	.....	Sept. 21 1999	Oct. 21 1999	Nov. 3, 1999	87
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res. 75	Nov. 3 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 4 1999	Nov. 4 1999	Nov. 5, 1999	88
To locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action.	H.R. 1175	Mar. 18 1999	IR	FR		June 30 1999	.....	0	June 22 1999	Aug. 5 1999	Nov. 8, 1999	89
To grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina.	H.J. Res. 62	July 22 1999	Jud	Jud	Sept. 8 1999	Oct. 21 1999	304	0	Sept. 21 1999	Oct. 26 1999	Nov. 8, 1999	90

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To designate the United States courthouse under construction at 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse".	S. 437	Feb. 22 1999	TI	EPW		Mar. 17 1999	.....	0	Oct. 26 1999	Mar. 23 1999	Nov. 9, 1999	91
To designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.	S. 1652	Sept. 28 1999	TI	EPW		Sept. 29 1999	.....	0	Oct. 26 1999	Oct. 19 1999	Nov. 9, 1999	92
Waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000.	H.J. Res. 76	Nov. 8 1999	HA			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 9 1999	Nov. 9 1999	Nov. 10, 1999	93
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res. 78	Nov. 9 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 9 1999	Nov. 10 1999	Nov. 10, 1999	94
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas.	H.R. 441	Feb. 2 1999	Jud	Jud	May 12 1999	June 24 1999	135	0	May 24 1999	Oct. 22 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	95
To amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.	H.R. 609	Feb. 4 1999	Agr	BHUA	Mar. 2 1999		36	.....	Mar. 2 1999	Nov. 3 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	96
To authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges.	H.R. 915	Mar. 2 1999	Jud GRO	GA	Oct. 18 1999	Nov. 4 1999	387	0	Oct. 25 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	97
To establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.	H.R. 974	Mar. 4 1999	GRO WM	GA	May 24 1999	Sept. 9 1999	158	154	May 24 1999	Oct. 19 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	98
To direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2303	June 22 1999	HA	RAdm			.....	.....	Oct. 25 1999	Oct. 29 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	99
To permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch.	H.R. 3122	Oct. 21 1999	HA	RAdm			.....	.....	Oct. 25 1999	Nov. 4 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	100
Granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact.	H.J. Res. 54	May 12 1999	Jud	Jud	Sept. 8 1999	Nov. 4 1999	303	0	Sept. 21 1999	Nov. 5 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	101
To enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.	S. 900	April 28 1999			.....	.....	.....	44	July 20 1999	May 6 1999	Nov. 12, 1999	102
To authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs.	H.R. 348	Jan. 19 1999	Res		Oct. 27 1999	.....	416	.....	Nov. 1 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 13, 1999	103

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act.	H.R.	3061	Oct. 12 1999	Jud			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 26 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 13, 1999	104
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res.	80	Nov. 16 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 17 1999	Nov. 17 1999	Nov. 18, 1999	105
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res.	83	Nov. 17 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 19, 1999	106
To improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public.	S.	468	Feb. 25 1999		GA	.....	July 1 1999	.....	103	Nov. 2 1999	July 15 1999	Nov. 20, 1999	107
To assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese.	H.R.	2454	July 1 1999	Res	EPW	July 29 1999	Oct. 14 1999	271	188	Aug. 2 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 24, 1999	108
To make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.	H.R.	2724	Aug. 5 1999		EPW	.....	Oct. 13 1999	.....	183	Aug. 5 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 24, 1999	109
To amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training.	S.	1235	June 17 1999	Jud	Jud		Oct. 21 1999	.....	0	Nov. 17 1999	Oct. 26 1999	Nov. 24, 1999	110
To establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	H.R.	100	Jan. 6 1999	GRO	GA		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	May 24 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	111
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office".	H.R.	197	Jan. 6 1999	GRO	GA		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	May 24 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	112
Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.	H.R.	3194	Nov. 2 1999	App			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 3 1999	Nov. 3 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	113
To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.	S.	278	Jan. 21 1999	Res	ENR	Oct. 27 1999	Mar. 16 1999	418	16	Nov. 17 1999	Mar. 25 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	114
To establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.	S.	382	Feb. 4 1999	Res	ENR	Oct. 18 1999	Mar. 17 1999	391	23	Nov. 17 1999	Mar. 25 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	115
To clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.	S.	1398	July 20 1999	Res	EPW		Oct. 6 1999	.....	171	Nov. 17 1999	Nov. 8 1999	Nov. 29, 1999	116
To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	H.R.	2116	June 9 1999	VA		July 16 1999		237	.....	Sept. 21 1999	Nov. 5 1999	Nov. 30, 1999	117

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.	H.R. 2280 (S. 1393)	June 18 1999	VA		June 25 1999	July 19 1999	202	108	June 29 1999	July 26 1999	Nov. 30, 1999	118
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.	H.R. 20	Jan. 6 1999	Res	ENR	Oct. 4 1999	Nov. 2 1999	361	211	Oct. 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 3, 1999	119
To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1555	April 26 1999	Int AS-H		May 7 1999	.....	130	.....	May 13 1999	July 21 1999	Dec. 3, 1999	120
To extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.	H.R. 459	Feb. 2 1999	Com	ENR	April 28 1999	June 24 1999	119	97	May 4 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	121
To amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.	H.R. 1094	Mar. 11 1999	BFS	BHUA			.....	.....	Aug. 2 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	122
To designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.	H.R. 1191	Mar. 18 1999	GRO	GA		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	May 24 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	123
To designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the ''Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building''.	H.R. 1251	Mar. 24 1999	GRO	GA		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	May 24 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	124
To designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the ''Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office''.	H.R. 1327	Mar. 25 1999	GRO	GA		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	June 29 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	125
To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Lief Ericson.	H.R. 3373	Nov. 16 1999	BFS			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 16 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	126
Appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.	H.J. Res. 85	Nov. 18 1999			.....	.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	127
To direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.	S. 574	Mar. 10 1999	Res	EPW		Mar. 26 1999	.....	39	Nov. 18 1999	April 22 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	128
To amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.	S. 580	Mar. 10 1999		LHR	.....		.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 3 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	129

To provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and for other purposes.	S.	1418	July 22 1999	Jud	Jud		Nov. 4 1999	.....	0	Nov. 17 1999	Nov. 5 1999	Dec. 6, 1999	130
To authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.	H.R.	449	Feb. 2 1999	Res	ENR	Mar. 17 1999	June 7 1999	66	68	April 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	131
To redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills".	H.R.	592	Feb. 4 1999	Res	ENR	June 16 1999	Nov. 2 1999	188	212	June 30 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	132
To protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.	H.R.	747	Feb. 11 1999	Res		May 13 1999	.....	140	.....	Aug. 2 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	133
To amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission.	H.R.	748	Feb. 11 1999	Res	ENR	Oct. 7 1999		367	.....	Oct. 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	134
To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system.	H.R.	791	Feb. 23 1999	Res		June 17 1999	.....	189	.....	June 30 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	135
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.	H.R.	970	Mar. 3 1999	Res		Oct. 20 1999	.....	405	.....	Oct. 26 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	136
Concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).	H.R.	1794	May 13 1999	IR	FR		Nov. 3 1999	.....	0	Oct. 4 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	137
To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota.	H.R.	2079	June 8 1999	Res	ENR	July 26 1999		261	.....	Sept. 21 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	138
To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act.	H.R.	2886	Sept. 21 1999	Jud	Jud	Oct. 14 1999		383	.....	Oct. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	139
To amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures.	H.R.	2889	Sept. 21 1999	Res		Oct. 27 1999	.....	417	.....	Nov. 1 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	140
To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.	H.R.	3257	Nov. 8 1999	R			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 16 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	141
Commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.	H.J. Res.	65	Aug. 5 1999	VA IR	Jud	Sept. 30 1999	Nov. 2 1999	352	0	Oct. 5 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	142
To authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes.	S.	28	Jan. 19 1999		ENR IA	.....	Aug. 27 1999	.....	144	Nov. 18 1999	Sept. 9 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	143
To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.	S.	416	Feb. 11 1999	Res	ENR	Nov. 5 1999	June 2 1999	453	60	Nov. 17 1999	July 1 1999	Dec. 7, 1999	144

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To designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.	H.R. 15	Jan. 6 1999	Res	ENR	Mar. 17 1999	July 21 1999	65	116	April 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	145
To establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System.	H.R. 658	Feb. 9 1999	Res		May 13 1999	.....	138	.....	Sept. 13 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	146
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.	H.R. 1104	Mar. 11 1999	Res		May 13 1999	.....	141	.....	Aug. 2 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	147
To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.	H.R. 1528	April 22 1999	Res		Oct. 18 1999	.....	389	.....	Oct. 26 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	148
To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.	H.R. 1619	April 29 1999	Res	ENR	Sept. 8 1999	Nov. 2 1999	306	213	Sept. 13 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	149
To allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.	H.R. 1665	May 4 1999	Res		Oct. 4 1999	.....	362	.....	Oct. 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	150
To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities.	H.R. 1693	May 5 1999	EWf			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 4 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	151
To amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.	H.R. 1887	May 20 1999	Jud		Oct. 19 1999	.....	397	.....	Oct. 19 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	152
To authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community.	H.R. 1932	May 25 1999	BFS			.....	.....	.....	Oct. 12 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	153
To improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.	H.R. 2140	June 10 1999	Res		Oct. 7 1999	.....	369	.....	Oct. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	154
To amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.	H.R. 2401	June 30 1999	BFS	BHUA			.....	.....	Oct. 4 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	155
To designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.	H.R. 2632	July 29 1999	Res Agr		Oct. 28 1999	.....	422	.....	Nov. 1 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	156
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Illinois certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to be used as an historic and interpretive site along the trail.	H.R. 2737	Aug. 5 1999	Res		Nov. 1 1999	.....	427	.....	Nov. 1 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	157
To reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency, and for other purposes.	H.R. 3381	Nov. 16 1999	IR			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 17 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	158
To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.	H.R. 3419	Nov. 17 1999	TI			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	159

To amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.	H.R. 3456	Nov. 18 1999	Jud			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	160
Conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.	H.J. Res. 46	April 28 1999	VA			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 2 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	161
To designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building".	S. 67	Jan. 19 1999		EPW	.....	Mar. 17 1999	.....	0	Nov. 18 1999	Mar. 23 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	162
To provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, and for other purposes.	S. 438	Feb. 22 1999		ENR IA ENR	.....	July 22 1999	.....	0	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 4 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	163
To establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio.	S. 548	Mar. 4 1999	Res	ENR		June 7 1999	.....	64	Nov. 18 1999	Oct. 14 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	164
To amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program.	S. 791	April 14 1999		SB	.....	Nov. 2 1999	.....	214	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 5 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	165
To designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse".	S. 1595	Sept. 16 1999	TI	EPW		Sept. 29 1999	.....	0	Nov. 18 1999	Oct. 8 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	166
To redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the "John J. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".	S. 1866	Nov. 4 1999	Res			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 4 1999	Dec. 9, 1999	167
To amend Chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to sweepstakes, skill contests, facsimile checks, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes.	S. 335	Feb. 3 1999	GRO	GA		July 1 1999	.....	102	Nov. 9 1999	Aug. 2 1999	Dec. 12, 1999	168
To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.	H.R. 3443	Nov. 18 1999	WM Com			.....	.....	.....	Nov. 18 1999	Nov. 19 1999	Dec. 14, 1999	169
To amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.	H.R. 1180 (S. 331)	Mar. 18 1999	WM Com	Fin	July 1 1999	Mar. 26 1999	220	37	Oct. 19 1999	Oct. 21 1999	Dec. 17, 1999	170

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BFS ..... Banking and Financial Services
BHUA .... Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Bud ..... Budget
Com ..... Commerce
CST ..... Commerce, Science, and Transportation
ENR ..... Energy and Natural Resources
EPW ..... Environment and Public Works
EWf ..... Education and the Workforce
Fin ..... Finance
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GA ..... Governmental Affairs
GRO ..... Government Reform and Oversight
HA ..... House Administration
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IR ..... International Relations
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RAdm .... Rules and Administration
Res ..... Resources
Sci ..... Science
SB ..... Small Business
TI ..... Transportation and Infrastructure
VA ..... Veterans' Affairs
WM ..... Ways and Means

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), *Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences;* following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform.

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House Chamber

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