

both the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

At the State and local level, he has brought a marine conservation perspective to the numerous boards, steering committees, task forces, civic and service organizations on which he has served, including the Leadership Georgia Board of Trustees, the Brunswick Rotary, the Brunswick-Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, and the Keep Brunswick-Golden Isles Clean and Beautiful Board. In recognition of his marine conservation expertise and contributions, he is member of the Skidaway Foundation Board.

This outline of Duane's career gives us an appreciation of his professional record, but it does not come close to illuminating the strength of his career. It takes a leader of special qualities to meet the challenges of administering the laws and regulations that govern coast areas. It takes a person of accomplishment in scientific skills, but it also takes a person of patience, honesty, and integrity. And it takes a person who can deal directly and effectively with immediate and difficult problems.

That is why Duane, in my mind, embodies the special qualities of public service that are so important to this Nation. I know that many of my colleagues have had distinguished careers of service to local and State governments prior to their election to the Senate. Service in the Senate is an extraordinary honor and an extraordinary responsibility and opportunity. At the same time, we are in many ways insulated from the direct consequences of policies on the lives of people.

As Lieutenant Governor and then Governor of Georgia, I had the privilege of face-to-face contacts with citizens in need, and I struggled with the difficult task of solving real and immediate problems. I learned that it is men and women like Duane Harris who are truly the "hands-on" public servants throughout this great country. They must, on a daily basis, operate the enforcement programs that transform laws and regulations into action. They must make quick decisions that affect people's lives and livelihoods.

I am proud to have known Duane Harris for many, many years as both a dedicated public servant and a friend. I will also add that he is one of the best fishermen you will ever have the opportunity to meet, and I understand that after some 30 years of service to the State of Georgia, that is exactly what he plans to do, go fishing. Except that he will be doing that as a professional fishing guide with his own boat.

Duane is still a young man, and I know that as a private citizen he and his accomplished wife, Carol, will continue to be a source of great strength and leadership to their community. He is the kind of man who will always carry out his work with unselfish energy and sound values.

On behalf of all of my colleagues in the United States Congress, I would

like to thank Duane Harris for his devotion to his duty and express my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. ●

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-5744. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Report concerning Energy Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Department's plans for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5745. A communication from the Acting Associate Department Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Administrator, received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-5746. A communication from the Assistant Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inmate Financial Responsibility Program: Spending Limitations" ((RIN1120-AA49)(64 FR 72798)) received on March 14, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5747. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the Commission's Budget Request Justification for Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5748. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Monthly Compensation for Women Veterans Who Lose a Breast as a Result of a Service-Connected Disability" (RIN2900-AK66) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5749. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Based on Exposure to Ionizing Radiation" (RIN2900-AK87) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5750. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 41, Listing Standards and Conditions for Trading Security Futures Products" (RIN3038-AB87) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5751. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodities Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Parts 1, 3, 4, 140, and 155; Rules Relating to Intermediaries of Commodity Interest Transactions (66 FR 53510, October 23, 2001)" (RIN3038-AB56) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5752. A communication from the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Information National Agricultural Statistic Service" (CFR Part 3601) received on March 15, 2002; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5753. A communication from the Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Availability of Information, Economic Research Service" (7 CFR Part 3701) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5754. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Horse Protection Enforcement for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5755. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Student Loan Interest Rate Amendments; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5756. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, report numbers 564 through 571 of the Pay-As-You-Go Calculations dated December 25, 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5757. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, report numbers 572 and 573 for the Pay-As-You-Go Calculations dated December 25, 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5758. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Radionuclides in Drinking Water: A Small Entity Compliance Guide"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5759. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5760. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, a report concerning the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5761. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information regarding a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5762. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information regarding a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information, received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5763. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5764. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management

Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption; Correction" (Doc. No. 00F-1482) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5765. A communication from the Director of 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; Partial Stay; Final Rule" (RIN0910-AA01) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5766. A communication from the Director of 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 "Exports: Notification and Record Keeping Requirements" (Doc. No. 98N-0583) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5767. A communication from the Director of Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5768. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Establishment Registration and Listing" (RIN0910-AB21) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5769. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, Prescription Drug User Fee Act Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5770. 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 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5771. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Security Income; Disclosure of Information to Consumer Reporting Agencies and Overpayment Recovery Through Administrative Offset Against Federal Payments" (RIN0960-AF31) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5772. 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 "LMSB Fast Track Dispute Resolution Pilot Program" (Notice 2001-67, 2001-49) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5773. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice" (Notice 2002-9) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5774. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first Report of the Task Force on the Prohibition of Importation of Products of Forced or Prison Labor; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5775. A communication from the Administrator of the Department of Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification on the status of a report on the impact of payment rates adopted by states Medicaid programs when they meet their obligation to pay for Medicare cost-sharing on behalf of qualified Medicare beneficiaries (QMBs) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5776. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Modifications of the Medicaid Upper Payment Limit for Non-State Government-Owned or Operated Hospitals" (42 CFR Part 447) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5777. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations (66 FR 53114)" (44 CFR Part 65) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5778. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Determinations 66 FR 53112" (Doc. No. FEMA-D-7515) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5779. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations 66 FR 53117" (44 CFR Part 67) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5780. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations 66 FR 53115" (Doc. No. FEMA-P-7606) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5781. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act Statement of Policy 2001-1: Clarification of Statement of Policy 1999-1 Regarding Lender Payments to Mortgage Brokers, and Guidance Concerning Unearned Fees Under Section 8(b)" ((RIN2502-AH74) (FR-4714-N-01)) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5782. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Strengthening the Title I Property Improvement and Manufactured Home Loan Insurance Programs and Title I Lender/Title II Mortgage Approval Requirements" ((RIN2502-AG95) (FR-4246-F-02)) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5783. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affordable Housing Program Amendments" (RIN3069-AB04) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2025. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of special pension for recipients of the Medal of Honor and to make that special pension effective from the date of the act for which the recipient is awarded the Medal of Honor and to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties associated with misuse or fraud relating to the Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2026. A bill to authorize the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for projects and activities to address proliferation threats outside the states of the former Soviet Union, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2027. A bill to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 920

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 920, 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. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, 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. 1295

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut