The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The President pro tempore 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The President pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

The President pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 517, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read amendments in order to the energy bill. This will be the 14th day—at least that is my understanding of the time the Senate has spent on the energy bill. This is the 14th day—at least that is my understanding of the time the Senate has spent on this bill.

Prior to the Senate recessing for the spring break, the minority and majority staff exchanged a proposed list of amendments in order to the energy bill.

Mr. President, on behalf of Leader DASCHLE, I wish to state for the record that an ongoing effort is being made to secure a finite list of first-degree amendments in order to the bill and that is where I read this—that Republican leaders are considering pulling...
the plug; that is, not wanting to go forward on the energy bill unless it authorizes oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

If this is such an important issue, as indicated in this piece in the newspaper that he feels this amendment being offered? As I have indicated, this is, as I have said, I believe the 14th day we have worked on this legislation. These are 14 legislative days. That is a lot of time on a bill. No one has come forward with an amendment we have heard for years is the most important part of this legislation.

Perhaps there has been some focus on the fact that there aren’t enough votes to pass this legislation. There is some realization we cannot produce our way out of the problem with petroleum products. Out of the 100 percent of the petroleum reserves in the world today, the United States, including whatever is believed to be in the Arctic, has 3 percent. Mr. President, 97 percent in other hands, as Venezuela, the North Sea, Great Britain. Two countries have 47 percent of the petroleum reserves—Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. We can’t produce our way out of this. I would say, and for the Presiding Officer—maybe I can speak for him—maybe what we should try to do is not to try to figure out a way to use our mass of coal. We have more coal than anywhere in the world. Rather than spending the few dollars we do on clean coal technology, maybe we should declare a war, in effect, and spend a lot of money on clean coal technology because we have lots of coal. But it is polluting and we need to do a better job—make it cleaner.

I would also say that we have, in this bill, tried to develop alternative energy levels. We have struggled to do that, but we need to do that.

Anyway, to think that we can produce our way out of this with petroleum products—we can’t do it. The United States has 3 percent of the reserves in the world and we can’t do it by production. We tried through increasing the fuel efficiency of vehicles. We didn’t get enough votes for that. It is my understanding the Senator from Delaware, Mr. CARPER, is going to come back with an amendment that will revisit that issue. Senator CARPER certainly understands what his amendment is better than I do, but I have spoken to him and he feels his amendment is one that will allow this country to go forward, saving 1 million barrels of oil a day by setting fuel efficiency standards.

So I hope they will allow us to go forward in an orderly process with this legislation, to get a finite list of amendments and complete the legislation this week. We had a good debate on ANWR that took place for a good long day and part of the night. We could dispose of that issue. There are not 60 votes in the Senate. If this bill becomes an energy bill, it would be a real struggle for them to get 50 votes because the ANWR issue will be defeated on a bipartisan basis.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for not to exceed 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

ANTITERRORISM INSURANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is tremendous need in this country to do something with antiterrorism insurance. A group of people just left my office. One man indicated that sitting on his desk is $2.2 billion worth of loans that he will not initiate because he cannot obtain antiterrorism insurance.

Mr. President, 97 percent is in other hands, as Venezuela, the North Sea, Great Britain. Two countries have 47 percent of the petroleum reserves—Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. We can’t produce our way out of this with petroleum products—we can’t do it. The United States has 3 percent of the reserves in the world today, the United States has 3 percent of the reserves in the world today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is tremendous need in this country to do something with antiterrorism insurance. A group of people just left my office. One man indicated that sitting on his desk is $2.2 billion worth of loans that he will not initiate because he cannot obtain antiterrorism insurance.

Why don’t we pass antiterrorism legislation first thing in the morning or tomorrow afternoon? The reason is simple: some would like to turn this into a debate about comprehensive tort reform. There can be a case made that perhaps some tort reform is needed. I have always believed it should be done. We can’t turn it into a debate about comprehensive tort reform. I have not lived up to what he told the President he was doing. He has not lived up to the trust that the President felt he should have.

Not seeing much going on on the floor. I hope there will be some activity on this energy bill. But it appears to me that there is not going to be anyway. I say to staff and others who are working on this legislation that I wish they would work to get a finite list of first-degree amendments so we can at least complete that today.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 4 o’clock today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:17 p.m., recessed until 4:01 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. LEVIN).

The PRESIDENT. The Senator from Nevada.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now leave morning business and proceed to the energy bill.

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I call for the regular order relating to the Feinstein amendment.

The PRESIDENT. The amendment is now pending.

AMENDMENT NO. 3079 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2989

(Purpose: To provide a substitute)

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDENT. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 45, H.R. 3210, the Terrorism Risk Protection Act; that the amendment to be a Dodd-Sarbanes-Schumer substitute amendment; that the only amendment in the RECORD.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 3210

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 45, H.R. 3210, the Terrorism Risk Protection Act; that the only amendment in order be a Dodd-Sarbanes-Schumer substitute amendment; that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent we now go off of the amendment I have offered and proceed to a period of morning business.

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

U.S. OIL SECURITY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I heard my good friend from Nevada make a statement earlier today concerning our delay in getting around to producing an ANWR amendment. Let me assure the Senator, we do have an ANWR amendment, and we will present it as soon as it is finalized, as it is taking some time.

I have come to the Senate Chamber right now, though, to make some remarks about Iraq. I am certain that every person in the Chamber realizes that Iraq has announced today it will suspend its oil exports for the next 30 days.

Libya and Iran have immediately expressed support for that action and warned that if other Arab oil-producing countries also curtailed their shipments of oil, in other words, we are on the verge of another embargo.

Without any question about it, we have now seen that Iraq is using oil as a weapon to deal with our policies with regard to the Middle East.

During the year 2001, the United States imported nearly 287 million barrels of oil from Iraq.

I have in the Chamber a chart that shows where those 287.3 million barrels of oil went throughout our Nation.

The average price of crude oil in 2001 was $22.93 per barrel. That means, with simple arithmetic, the United States paid Iraq $6.58 billion for its oil last year.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq confirmed last week that Saddam Hussein has paid $25,000 to the families of each of the Palestinian suicide bombers. Let’s think of that. Let’s think of that again. Iraq, alone has paid to the families of the suicide bombers in Palestine $25,000 per incident. In other words, we are paying that. We are giving Iraq the cash to reward those who are committing suicide while bombing innocent people in Israel.

Furthermore, I want the Senate to know that today Venezuela announced a multiday strike at the Government-owned oil-producing facilities. Venezuela is one of the top three suppliers of oil to the United States.

This morning, the President expressed his concern that increased gasoline prices would slow down our economic recovery. There is no question about that.

Recently, the U.S. News & World Report has changed its editorial policy concerning ANWR. I want to call the attention of the Senate to an article entitled, “A Waste of Energy?” on page 25 of the U.S. News & World Report of April 1. It is a very interesting article when one considers the past editorial policy of that great national magazine.

Make no mistake about it, we are very close to a vote that would be quite similar to the one that took place when Alaska finally obtained permission to go ahead with the oil pipeline. At that time, however—and I say this respectfully—even though the then-majority leader, Mike Mansfield, opposed our amendment, even though the committee chairman, Senator Jackson, opposed it, the filibuster was threatened, no filibuster took place in consideration of the oil pipeline amendment. Why? Because we all knew then, as we all should know now, that oil is a matter of national security.

As we proceed this week, we will bring out proof of the statesmen who have led this country since the 1940s. Our predecessors in this body knew very well that oil is a matter of national security. Yet we are facing the prospect that the ANWR amendment, when we offer it, is going to be facing a filibuster—again, with due respect—led by the majority leader and the majority side of the Senate.

There should never be—there should never be—a filibuster against a matter of national security. I really believe that before we are through, before this week is out, the American citizens are going to be demanding there be an up-or-down vote on the ANWR amendment and no filibuster. And if, God forbid, by Thursday or Friday of this week we have a full-blown embargo, and we have the gas lines we all remember from the 1970s, I do hope we will understand this bill has to be considered, the ANWR amendment adopted, and the bill sent to the President as soon as possible.

If we had been permitted to proceed with ANWR as we sought to proceed when President George Bush, the 41st President of the United States, requested Congress to allow us to proceed, we would have ANWR oil on line now.

During the height of the Persian Gulf war, 2.1 million barrels of oil a day were sent down the Alaska oil pipeline. When I was there last week, I was told it was 925,000 barrels a day. Where are we getting the balance of the oil? We are currently getting it from Iraq. And now it is going to be shut down.

I have asked the oil industry to tell us whether it is possible that they might proceed to produce in an uneconomic manner to refill that barrel, if this shortage continues. There is oil in northern Alaska now that could fill that barrel, but it would be un-economic to produce it at the rates that would be required because the reserves are not that great anymore without our opportunity to drill in the area known as ANWR, which is part of the 1.5-million acre tract that was set aside in 1980 by an amendment sponsored by Senator Jackson and Senator Tsongas for oil and gas exploration. I will be going into that at length this week, too.

They promised me and committed to me that one of the things they would go along with, if we would finally approve the so-called ANILCA, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, was that 1.5 million acres in the Arctic would be left available for oil and gas exploration. I will produce the letters that were exchanged by those two Senators with all of the Senate, and the comments they made at the time. I will even show you a photograph of Senator Jackson and Senator Tsongas, and I standing there at the passage of the bill in which the promise was made that oil and gas exploration
could be continued in that 1.5 million acres we all knew was part of the Arctic that has enormous promise for production of oil and gas.

The main reason for speaking now is to say to the Senate, the time is right. There is no longer any time for partisan debate on this issue. This is a matter of national security. Before the week is out, we are again going to see gas lines in this country. I cannot emphasize too greatly my feeling about the oil that has taken place now since 1980.

In 1980, Senators Jackson and Tonsingas committed to help us get that oil exploration going to determine if oil and gas could be produced in substantial quantities from that Arctic coast area. That promise has not been kept because of the opposition that has come from the radical portion of the environmental lobbying group in this city. It is time to put radical environment to object. Let me for a couple friend from Oklahoma has reserved theaneous consent request pending; is that the same consent request pending; is that my request? General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In the wake of September 11, a number of Senate Democrats and Republicans, including Senator Gramm of Texas, as well as the White House and the Treasury Department. While we were unable to reach agreement on every point, the proposal incorporated, suggestions by our colleagues from both sides of the aisle and this administration. It represented a compromise.

This legislation would ensure stability in the insurance market so that businesses can afford to purchase insurance.

I say to my friend from Oklahoma, this is imperfect, but we cannot let the perfect stand in the way of the good. We need to move forward.

What others are trying to do is too much. It is just not going to happen.

I say to my friend from Oklahoma, this is imperfect, but we cannot let the perfect stand in the way of the good. We need to move forward.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that there is now a unanimous consent request pending; is that true?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know my friend from Oklahoma has reserved the right to object. Let me for a couple minutes speak to several issues before he determines whether or not he is going to object to this request.

In the wake of September 11, a number of insurance companies are declining to provide coverage from losses which result from terrorist attack. At 2:30 today, I had a meeting in my office with a large number of real estate people in desperate need to have their projects go forward. They are not able to obtain antiterrorism insurance.
time I will object because I think we really need to move forward with something as quickly as possible. At some subsequent time—I think time is so critical in this—we will reoffer our unanimous consent request.

I appreciate what the Senator is trying to do, but one of the things that might be considered is—and I have no authority for this whatsoever—I believe we should move forward on my consent at this time, but maybe if we cannot work something out—which I think would be a shame—I would be happy to talk with the Senator to see if there is something we can do. We might want to start out with agreeing that the vehicle we would be amending would be the Dodd-Sarbanes-Schumer substitute amendment and offer two amendments to that, rather than to the House bill.

Anyway, at this time I object for the reasons previously stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection heard.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I thank my good friend from Nevada. I hope we can work this out. I am happy to meet with him. I think our objectives are similar. We would like to pass the legislation dealing with terrorism risk protection. We realize there is a serious problem. Just to say we are going to take the House-passed language and pass an amendment that Senators DODD, SARAHAN, and SCHUMER have agreed to leave out Senator GRAMM, who, I think, came up with the agreement that I believe Senators DODD and SARAHANs had agreed to earlier.

I hope we can come up with something. You pick the underlying bill, and maybe the underlying bill would be the Dodd-Sarbanes-Schumer proposal, but give us an amendment and let’s vote. We can come up with fairly short time constraints—at least on this side; hopefully, we can on both sides—and we can pass something and get to conference report. The passed bill is significantly different, as my colleague knows. We have to work out the differences with the House. I think this is important legislation and it needs to pass, as the Senator from Nevada mentioned. It needs to pass quickly. Hopefully, bipartisan leadership in the Senate can orchestrate a procedure where we can get this done in the very near future.

I thank my colleague. I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

A THREAT BY SADDAM HUSSEIN

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, Senator STEVENS from Alaska, for his statement dealing with the threat—and maybe the threat implemented today—by Saddam Hussein of Iraq, saying he is going to have an oil embargo against the United States.

I think Senator STEVENS mentioned we imported 283 million barrels of oil from Iraq last year—maybe 273 million barrels. Right now, it is over a million barrels per day. That is a significant amount. I heard commentators say right now that we don’t import that much. I don’t know whose figures they are looking at, but a million barrels per day is a lot. Selectively, right now, we are importing 60 percent of our Nation’s oil needs.

You need to compare that to the shortages we had in 1973 and 1979. In 1973, I believe we were importing about 34 percent. In 1979, it was about 44 percent. And we had embargoes because of conflicts in the Middle East. As a result, I had significant curtailments in the United States. They embargoed exports coming from the Middle East. We had shortages in the United States, and we had gas lines.

I don’t quote agree with Senator STEVENS that we are going to have gas lines this week, but if the embargo were expanded and lasted for a significant period of time, we could have significant shortages. I think you will see price escalation. How significant it will be depends on how many other countries get involved. He mentioned there might be strikes in Venezuela. That will compound the problem. If you take away a couple million barrels of oil, you are going to see prices go way up, and you may see shortages in the not-too-distant future. Gasoline prices will be going up in the summertime. You can see demand going up and you can see shortages.

So I thank the Senator from Alaska very timely in saying we need to do what we can to help make sure that Saddam Hussein doesn’t have too big of a grip on the U.S. economy. One of the things we need to do is increase exploration and production in Alaska. Senator STEVENS mentioned that in Prudhoe Bay, which used to produce about 2 million barrels per day, now is producing less than a million. We need to supplement that. When it was 2 million barrels per day, it was 25 percent of our domestic production. Now it is less than an eighth. We need to really have that increase, and we can do that in an environmentally safe and sound manner in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We are going to have a vote on that this week.

I also agree 100 percent with Senator STEVENS when he said that while talking about national security, people thought of oil flowing out of the Oklahoma City Airport; it is not that large of an area. If you haven’t visited the coastal region of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, it is not the prettiest area, and work can be done in a way that will protect and preserve the native wildlife species, including the caribou. If you have been to Prudhoe Bay, you found that the caribou love the Alaska pipeline; you saw a lot of caribou hanging around the pipeline. So certainly, it cannot be done in a way to protect the wildlife and the environment, and it will also help alleviate some of the energy shortages we may experience in the not-too-distant future. We are very vulnerable. We are importing 60 percent of our oil needs today. We need to reduce that or it will be 70 percent in another 10 years.

We need to open exploration in ANWR. I hope my colleagues will not filibuster. I hope my colleagues will say: Let’s debate it and let’s vote on it. This is a national security issue. We cannot have national security without having energy security, and we do not have energy security today.

My compliments to the administration for giving us a national energy plan for the first time in decades. They presented an energy plan, the House has passed one, and the Senate has not been able to do that. I would not even have a markup on this bill in the Senate Energy Committee.

I have been on that committee for 22 years. I did not get to offer one amendment to this bill. This is the bill. It is 500 pages. It did not have ANWR in it. Why? Because we were not able to offer an ANWR amendment because we were told not to mark it up.

This bill came from Senator DASCHLE and Senator BINGAMAN, and they laid it on our desks. It changed substantially from the previous bill. ANWR was not in it. We had the votes in committee, quite frankly, to put ANWR in the bill. People would try to take ANWR out, but I do not think they have the votes to take it out. I believe that is the reason Senator DASCHLE told Senator BINGAMAN not to mark up a bill.

We now have to try to put an ANWR amendment in the bill. The language of my colleagues say: We have to filibuster. I think they are wrong to do that. Senator STEVENS is right, we need national security and we cannot have national security unless we have energy security. If we are going to have a large threat by Saddam Hussein, we need to be able to protect the United States. I urge my colleagues to do what we can to protect our national security with energy security, and that includes exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.
WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE AT THE PENTAGON CANNOT HAPPEN

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I will address the issue of defense expenditures and the rapidly rising appropriations for defense, particularly for the war on terrorism, and do it in light of the fact that probably within the next couple of weeks the budget will be before the Senate.

The 9–11 attack wiped out any lingering doubts I or anybody else had about the intention of terrorists. Their intentions are now crystal clear: Kill as many Americans as possible and bring psychological trauma on the American people. I do not doubt for a second they will strike again when they think the time is right. If they do not, we will be lucky, but if we do not plan on it, we will be stupid.

We should now commit American citizens to live with constant fear that moment will come again. This is a threat to our way of life. As Americans, we cannot accept that threat to our way of life. The terrorist threat must be eliminated.

President Bush is doing everything possible to restore and maintain our security at home and to win the war on terrorism abroad. The war on terrorism will not come cheaply. We must all accept that. Right now we have no choice. So I am not going to glibly chew the fat with the details of the Department of Defense budget and the recommendations from the Senate Budget Committee. Secretary Rumsfeld and the President have my support in the war against terror.

We ought to look at history and think in terms of other times the defense budget has been ramped up very quickly and the considerable amount of waste that accompanied it. The situation during the late 1980s, when this last happened, obviously, was somewhat different from what the situation is today when we are in the midst of a war. Back then, we were in the cold war. There was some understanding we needed to do more, but in the process of not fighting a war and not having a demonstrated need that was as conclusive as this war on terrorism is now, there was an opportunity for waste.

I want to warn Secretary Rumsfeld about waste. Big budgets breed waste, and the Pentagon is no exception. I have shown a workable class reputation for waste and mismanagement. It seems to be lurking in the shadows waiting for the Secretary of Defense to open the money spigot. If he fails to keep a lid on waste, support for President Bush's defense buildup will evaporate quickly, particularly if there is a downturn in the war on terrorism where there is not quite as evident to the public at large of the need for the money now that we are appropriating when one might say the war is very active.

If this were to happen, the support for the defense buildup would evaporate and troops in the field would end up on the back burner. If we do not have this money, this Senate will be on the Secretary's back.

A little piece of local history might help everyone in the Senate understand where I am coming from. Back in the early 1980s, at the height of the cold war, President Reagan launched a massive military buildup that was fiercely debated in the Senate for 3 or 4 years.

I challenge my colleagues to understand this was a defining experience for a lot of us and real leadership. So joining a lot of my colleagues, we made an effort to stop it probably 2 or 3 years after we should have. As a conservative Republican, this was not easy for me to do but it was the right thing to do, and we should ask ourselves how watch this money is spent in this ramp-up and be cognizant, watching for waste.

During this time in the early 1980s, I offered an amendment to freeze the defense budget. This was in the fiscal year 1986 budget resolution. My amendment was adopted May 2, 1985, by the slimmest of margins: 50 to 49. I think the Senate, by making that decision and through that act alone, threw a monkey wrench into the last big plan to ramp up the defense budget.

There was also a way we were skilled for doing that at that particular time. Even though $750 pliers, $750 toilet seats, and $7,000 coffee pots are not the reason for defense waste in its entirety, they are clear-cut examples that everybody undersand.

Those examples helped make a case for the freezing of the defense budget. The spare parts horror stories were a turning point. They convinced many that the Pentagon defense buildup was a colossal taxpayer ripoff. It undermined the credibility of the planned defense buildup and it turned many into defense reformers, to watchingdogging, digging into the waste, fraud, and abuse at the Pentagon.

I was at it that day, today, and I will be at it tomorrow. That is my warning to the people at the Defense Department, from Secretary Rumsfeld on down, and, in the process of spending more money, find a way to control waste. It is a simple rule that you cannot begin to control waste until you know what things cost. You will never get a handle on the cost until the books of account are in order.

Every shred of evidence I have examined over the years tells me that the books at the Defense Department are in chaos. The Inspector General, Mr. Zakheim, knows exactly what I am talking about. I have had opportunities to discuss this with him.

The best barometer on the quality of bookkeeping at the Pentagon is the annual audit of financial statements. The results are dismal. There is over $150 billion in financial actions for which there is no supporting documentation. Those are accumulative, over some years.

Criminals, quite frankly, could be tapping into the money pipeline at the Department of Defense. People there would never know it. During Secretary Rumsfeld's nomination hearing last year, he was grilled by the senior Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, and I cosponsored a financial oversight initiative, section 1009 of the fiscal year 2002 Defense authorization bill. Having financial information at your fingertips is a key to controlling waste. And to do it right now, we don't have that tool. The Defense Department needs to get it. I believe they are working on getting it. It is not an option; it is a necessity. And for myself that we want to help the Defense Department get there. The Secretary has his work cut out. For starters, he is going to need a junkyard dog. Now that there is an inspector general in place, I believe that will help. With the Pentagon's money spigot wide open—once again in a way that nobody at this point is going to raise any questions because you only go to war to win a war or else you do not have any business being in one—the new inspector general has to be operating on a high state of alert.

A 3-year oversight investigation of the office of the inspector general tells me that is not the case today. That office has serious management problems. The new inspector general will need to clean house. We are obviously asking the Secretary to control waste, do it by cleaning up the books, get a handle on costs, and do not fritter away a golden opportunity to rebuild the Armed Forces.

Waste is a constant danger at the Pentagon. When we send military personnel into harm's way, we should all be confident they have what they need to get the job done. If we allow waste to creep in, we can ask for soldier's troops on the front lines will be the first to suffer; we will be back making the same cases as we did in the mid-1980s.

I believe there is some reason to think this Secretary of Defense, Mr. Rumsfeld, sees these problems more so than a lot of his predecessors. There are two reasons I say that. No. 1, 2 or 3 weeks ago I was...
able to speak to a House committee on the sloppiness of how credit cards are handled by Department of Defense personnel and the tremendous waste of taxpayer money by the purchase of personal items on a card that says ‘for official government business only.’ Within those remarks, the Secretary of Defense told the comptroller of the Defense Department to get this matter under control. There has been put in place immediately a task force to accomplish that goal. I publicly thank Secretary Rumsfeld for responding as he has in that particular instance.

Last, I refer to a speech that Secretary Rumsfeld gave on September 10, 1 day before the infamous day of September 11. It seems to me, without anticipating the terror that was going to be brought against America with that dastardly act of September 11, he recognized in this speech the importance of being on top of the taxpayers’ dollars spent on defense.

I read from his speech delivered on September 10:

Every dollar squandered on waste is one denied to the warfighters. That’s why we’re here today challenging us all to wage an all-out campaign to get it right. The Pentagon resource system, from bureaucracy to the battle field, from tail to tooth. We know the adversary. We know the threat. And with the same firmness of purpose that any effort against a determined adversary demands, we must get at it and stay at it.

Some might ask, how in the world could the Secretary of Defense attack the Pentagon in front of its people? To them I reply, I have no desire to attack the Pentagon; I want to liberate it. We need to save it from bureaucracy to the battlefield, from personnel and the tremendous waste of taxpayer dollars spent on defense.

Continuing to quote:

They know the taxpayers deserve better. Every dollar we spend was entrusted to us by the Secretary of Defense, is an example of his willingness to ask and hopefully get it done.

Mr. REID, Mr. President, I commend the senior Senator from California for her amendment and her work on this very difficult issue of derivatives regulation.

To critics of the amendment, I suggest you put yourselves in Senator Feinstein’s shoes. She represents the largest State in the United States, whose gross domestic product is larger than most countries of the world. In fact, I understand that it has about the seventh largest gross domestic product of any entity in the world.

Last year’s energy crisis threatened California’s prosperity and brought home to all of us that we are in unchartered territory with energy deregulation. We felt the same problems in Nevada.

The collapse of Enron, a supposed leader in energy trading and markets, makes me wonder: How can we have a company such as Enron in this country, a publicly owned company, that changes in 1 year from a high flying, worldwide megacompny to a bankrupt loser with hundreds, if not thousands, of ruined lives in its wake? We have seen this in recent years. Derivatives and other complicated financial products have contributed to the communities in Nevada where they are so important.

Unlike energy derivatives, which raise questions because of the recent energy crisis, metals derivatives have been traded over the counter for many years. The 2000 amendments to the Commodity Exchange Act did not change this; they only clarified and confirmed the legality of these markets. Lumping metals derivatives together with energy derivatives would impose regulatory burdens that have never existed, even before the 2000 amendments, without any justification.

The amendment I have offered would not allow metals derivatives markets and participants to trade derivatives without accountability and transparency.

The Commodity Exchange Act already requires adequate recordkeeping for these otherwise “exempt” transactions. This amendment adds additional recordkeeping requirements for exempt commodities that are comparable to those already in the Feinstein amendment for energy commodities.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

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

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

NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001—Continued

Mr. REID, Mr. President, I commend Senator Fein Stein’s amendment inadvertently included metals derivatives with the energy derivatives that are the intended target of her amendment. Like other derivatives, metals derivatives markets help companies manage the risk of market and price changes.

In recent years, derivatives and other so-called hedging transactions have helped the mining companies in my State cope with a steadily declining gold price by selling mining production forward. The last couple of years illustrate the function and the value in the marketplace of these transactions.

Some companies decided not to hedge, betting that the gold price would rise and that hedging contracts would lock them into below-market prices. Most of those companies are no longer around because the gold price stayed relatively low.

In contrast, other companies hedged some or most of their production. These companies have survived, and survived well, and some have even thrived. By choosing to manage their risk, they accepted the risk that the gold price could rise, but they stabilized company performance, continued to provide jobs, and continued to contribute to the communities in Nevada where they are so important.

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

Mr. REID, Mr. President, it is my understanding that we are now on the Feinstein amendment and the second-degree amendment offered by the Senator from Nevada.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

AMENDMENT NO. 3079, WITHDRAWN
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I withdraw my second-degree amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is withdrawn.

AMENDMENT NO. 3081 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2989
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk on my behalf, and we will wait until tomorrow to affix the name of Senator CRapo to this amendment. I believe he wants to co-sponsor it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk reads as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. Reid] proposes an amendment numbered 3081 to amendment No. 2989.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under Amendments Submitted.)

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have given a statement in relation to the amendment just withdrawn. This basically is the same but does not include some redundant requirements for recordkeeping. I simply state that I think the Senator from California, Mrs. Feinstein, is trying to do the right thing. But unless we adopt this amendment, the second largest industry in Nevada—mining—will be hurt very badly. Senator Feinstein's amendment would inadvertently harm mining companies in my state and throughout the United States.

The metal derivatives market has been going on for many years. Lumping metal derivatives with energy derivatives and energy crisis, regulatory burdens that have never existed, even before the 2000 amendments to the Commodity Exchange Act, without any justification. Unlike energy derivatives, which raise questions because of the recent energy crisis, metal derivatives have been traded over the counter for years and years with no problem. My amendment is necessary to restore metals derivatives trading to "exempt" status, which is critical to the health of the mining industry.

CLOTURE MOTION
Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

CLOTURE MOTION
We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standard Senate, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the Feinstein amendment No. 2989 to the substitute amendment for calendar No. 65, S. 517, the energy bill.


Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for a period of not to exceed 5 minutes each.

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

HONORING THE GIRL SCOUTS' 90TH ANNIVERSARY
Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have a member of my staff who as a Girl Scout loved Girl Scout cookies so much she went into debt selling herself cookies. She said she had every variety of cookie in her own consumption, hidden from her little brother and the family dog. Her parents had to give her a low-interest loan so she could pay off her obligation.

I don't recommend her financial habits, but I definitely recommend Girl Scout cookies, and most of all, for girls to become Girl Scouts.

The organization just celebrated its 90th anniversary, and it shows no signs of going out of style. There are 3.7 million Girl Scouts nationwide—2.7 million girl members and 915,000 adult members. My state of Iowa has 53,000 members.

I see why scouting has such broad appeal. The Girl Scouts offer community service, field trips, camping, science, awareness, sporting and fitness development, health education and many more activities to girls ages 5 to 17. These programs teach girls not only about the world around them, but also about themselves. They learn leadership skills, self-confidence, respect for others, companionship and responsibility. They also learn egalitarianism. Girl Scouting is open to all girls of the eligible age. A girl just has to have the will to participate and enjoy. Given the competitiveness of so many extra-curricular activities for kids, it's refreshing to have an outlet for girls to interact as equals.

Girl Scouting also engages family members and adults in their communities. Almost all adults involved with Girl Scouting are volunteers, and the organization sponsors activities for mothers to spend special time with their daughters away from the distractions of everyday life.

I congratulate the Girl Scouts on 90 years of success. Like all classics, the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law remain as fresh and relevant today as ever. Here they are, for the Congressional RECORD, for posterity, for the girls of today, and for the women of tomorrow.

The Girl Scout Promise: On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country; to help people at all times; and to live by the Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law: I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courteous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS
HONORING MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
• Mr. Bunning, Mr. President, today I rise to honor the Murray State University men's Basketball team for their success on the court this season.

The Racers, led by Coach Tevester Anderson and leading scorer Justin Burdine, overcame injuries and illness, and with their last 15 games with just nine players in uniform, to finish the season at 19-13 and earn a trip to the NCAA tournament. After getting off to a fast start, the Racers experienced a severe setback, losing eight of ten games at one point to drop to 9-11. After beginning the season an impressive 7-3. Entering the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the Racers looked as if they had no shot to beat the heavily-favored Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech. However, the Racers decided to forget about the rankings and experts and simply play the game with pure heart and determination. They knocked off Morehead State to advance to the OVC championship game, where they beat Tennessee Tech on a miraculous last-second shot by team leader Justin Burdine. The Racers entered the NCAA tournament extremely hot, having won 10 of their last 11 games. Unfortunately, the Racers were unable to feed off their momentum late in the season against the University of Georgia, losing to the Bulldogs in the first round of the tournament.

Overall, the Murray State Racers had a very successful and productive season. They overcame numerous hurdles to win the OVC championship and earn their 11th invitation to the NCAA tournament. They worked as a team all year to prove their critics wrong, and showed that they have the hearts of champions. I applaud Coach Anderson and his players for all that they accomplished.

HONORING MR. DAVID B. SANFORD, JR. FOR EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE
• Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. President, it has come to my attention that a long distinguished career has come to an end and a new chapter is beginning.
for Mr. David B. Sanford, Jr., a native of Huntington, WV, has retired as Chief, Interagency and International Services Division, Directorate of Military Programs, Headquarters, United States Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Sanford is a United States Army veteran with active duty service from 1966 to 1969. He joined the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1971 working at its Huntington, WV, District Office. A native of Huntington, he received his undergraduate degree from Concord College in Athens, OH, and attended graduate school at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH.

Mr. Sanford’s public service career has been filled with remarkable achievements. Previous to his most recent appointment, he was the Chief of the Civil Works Policy Division, Headquarters, United States Army Corps of Engineers. In 1992, he served as a Water Resources Advisor, through a Congressional fellowship, to the distinguished Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan from New York. He is a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Mr. Sanford has been the recipient of several public service awards. He has been honored by the United States Department of the Army for his significant contributions to national policy issues related to water resources and military infrastructure.

Through the years, many Members of Congress have relied on Mr. Sanford’s insight and advice. He is trusted and respected throughout Washington and the Federal Government. Additionally, he has mentored many young people within the Corps of Engineers, encouraging them to serve their Nation to the best of their ability.

David Sanford, Jr., has dedicated nearly 34 years to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, serving with honor and distinction. The Corps’ public engineering services are renowned as world class. David, as a career member of the Corps elite force, has exhibited the character and leadership that has been associated with the Corps. I am proud that a native West Virginia son has earned the rank of the Senior Executive Service. He has the gratitude of his fellow West Virginians and of our Nation for his years of exemplary service. I know my colleagues join me in wishing him well in the years to come.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer read before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 25, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2356. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

H.R. 3955. The act became the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases.” approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

H.R. 3896. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on March 25, 2002.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 28, 2002, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3291. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3698 Inner Perimeter Road in Valdosta, Georgia, as the “Major Lyn McIntosh Post Office Building.”

H.R. 1481. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the “Tom Bilkey Post Office Building.”

H.R. 1749. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the “Bob Davis Post Office Building.”

H.R. 2767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the “Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building.”

H.R. 3577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the “Bob Davis Post Office Building.”

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carls Path in Deer Park, New York, as the “Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building.”

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the enrolled bills were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on today, April 8, 2002.

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-5909. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, theOMB Cost Estimate for Pay-As-You-Go Calculations for report numbers 560 through 562; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5910. A communication from the Administration of the National Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Availability of Information” (7 CFR Part 510) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5911. A communication from the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Change in Disease Status of Japan Because of BSE” (Doc. No. 01–294–1) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5912. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Vinyl Acetate Polymers; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL6951–2) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5913. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modified Acrylic Polymers; Tolerance Exemption” (FRL6959–1) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5914. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pseudomonas Chloroaphis Strain 83–26; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL6745–6) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5915. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve” (RIN2900–
nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Management, Department of Education, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9592. 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 “Hematology and Pathology Devices: Classification of the Automated Differential Cell Counter” (Doc. No. 95F–0315) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9593. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to a rule entitled “Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9594. A communication from the Director, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cough, Allergy, Bronchodilator, and Antiasthmatic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Partial Final Rule for Combination Drug Products Containing a Bronchodilator” (RIN0910–AA01) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9595. 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 “Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Color Additives and Wood Rosin Derivatives in Chewing Gum Base; Correction” (Doc. No. 99F–2533) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9596. 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 “Cold, Cough, Allergy, Bronchodilator, and Antiasthmatic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Partial Final Rule for Combination Drug Products Containing a Bronchodilator” (RIN0910–AA01) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9597. 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 “Medical Devices: Exemption From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices” (Doc. No. 01N–0238) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9598. 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 “Change of Address; Technical Amendments” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9599. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Fiscal Years 1997 through 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–9600. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Tobacco Products and Cigarette Paper and Filter Use of the United States; Recodification of Regulations” (RIN1512–AC42) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9601. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Removal of Tobacco Products and Cigarette Paper and Filter Use of the United States; Recodification of Regulations” (RIN1512–AC42) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9602. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, 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; Final Federal Payments” (RIN0899–AF31) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9603. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Applicable Federal Rates - November 2001” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9604. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coordination Issue: Receding Face Deduction” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9605. 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 “Coordination Issue: Retroactive Interest Expense Apportionment” (ULN 861.09–10) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9606. 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 “Coordination Issue: Death of Nonresident Alien Crew Member by a Foreign Transportation Entity” (ULN 4901.01–05) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9607. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a delay in submitting a report on the study of the quality and cost of providing Program of All–inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program services as permanent Medicare program and Medicaid State plan option and a study of a demonstration of PACE using for-profit providers; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9608. A communication from the Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the prospective payment system for Medicare Inpatient Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), and a report on Medicare Payments for Patients with HIV/AIDS in Skilled Nursing Facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9609. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Manufacturing License Agreement: Safety, Access and Cost Issues”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–9610. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to establishing a council to promote greater investments in sub-Saharan Africa; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on danger pay allowance for Government civilian employees in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9612. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9614. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9615. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9616. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9617. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9618. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–9619. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of $50,000,000 or more to Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
EC–5981. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–5982. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–5983. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–5984. 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–5985. 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.

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EC–5988. 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–5989. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Pilatus Britten-Norman Limited BN 2, 2A, 2B, 2T, and BN2A Mk III Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0164)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5990. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas DC–9 81, 82, 83, and 87 Series Airplanes; Model MD 88 Airplanes; and Model MD–90 30 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0183)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–5992. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC–8–400 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0166)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5993. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC–8–400 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0166)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5994. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC–8–400 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0166)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5995. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328–100, and –300 Series Airplanes; British Aerospace Model HP 137 Jetstream ; and British Aerospace Model HP 137 Jetstream Series 3101 Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0183)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5996. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737–200, 200C, 300, and 500 Series Airplanes; and Model A310 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0183)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5997. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328–100, and –300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0183)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5998. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0174)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–5999. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9, DC–9 80, and C–9 Series Airplanes; Model MD–88 Airplanes; and Model MD–90 Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0173)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6000. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300 F4–605R Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0172)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6001. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Tipton Airport, Fort Meade, MD” ((RIN2120–AA66)(2002–0033)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6002. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class D Surface Area at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Indian Springs, NV” ((RIN2120–AA66)(2002–0031)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6003. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class D Surface Area at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field, Indian Springs, NV” ((RIN2120–AA66)(2002–0031)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6004. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes; Model A300 F4–605R Airplanes; Model A300 F4–605R Airplanes; and Model A310 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0175)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6005. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328–100, and –300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0183)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6006. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC–9, DC–9 80, and C–9 Series Airplanes; Model MD–88 Airplanes; and Model MD–90 Airplanes” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0173)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6007. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flight Crew Compartment Access and Door Designs” ((RIN2120–AA64)(2002–0172)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
EC–6010. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing 747–F 9F (RI0229–AA51)(2002–0159)” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6011. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: SGA System Limited Model SGA 136 Series Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA49)(2002–0154)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6012. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: BAE Systems Limited Model BAE 166 and Avro 166 RJ Series Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA50)(2002–0155)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6013. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: CDFM International, SA CDFM5–S Series Turboprop Engines” (RIN2120-AA51)(2002–0161)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6014. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney PW400 Series Turbofan Engines” (RIN2120-AA52)(2002–0162)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6015. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Modification of a Closure (Reopens A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 110, Gulf of Alaska)” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6016. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney PW400 Series Turbofan Engines” (RIN2120-AA53)(2002–0163)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6017. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Modification of a Closure (Reopens A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 110, Gulf of Alaska)” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6018. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Boeing 747–F 9F (RI0229–AA51)(2002–0159)” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6019. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6020. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6021. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6022. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6023. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6024. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Human Resources and Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Administrator, NASA Headquarters, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6025. A communication from the AttorneyAdvisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Associate Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6026. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6027. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–6031. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6032. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6033. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6034. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closes A Season Pollock Fishing in Statistical Area, 610, Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6035. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Restrictions on Frequency of Limited Entry Permit Transfers” (RIN0648–A087) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6036. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Restrictions on Frequency of Limited Entry Permit Transfers” (RIN0648–A087) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6037. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications; Pacific Sardine Fishery” (RIN0648–A087) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
EC–6038. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report titled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Period 2” (ID 111401D) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6039. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for Winter II” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6040. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for New York” (ID 112601D) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6041. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery; Closure of Directed Fishery for Pacific Mackerel” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6042. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Pelagic Longline Fishery; Sea Turtle Protection Measures; Emergency Rule; Extension of Expiration Date; Request for Comments” (RIN0648–AP31) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6043. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast State and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Groundfish Management Measures” (RIN0648–AO69) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6044. A communication from the Acting Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Anchoring Prohibitions in the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary” (RIN0648–AP22) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6045. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sea Grant National Strategic Investments in Technological, Environmental, and Fisheries Habitat: Request for Proposals for FY2002” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6046. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6047. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6048. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of the Carload Waybill Sample Reporting Procedures” (RIN0648–AO53) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6049. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic胡sh; Commercial Quota Harvested for New York” (ID 112601D) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6050. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery; Reallocation of Pacific Sardine” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6051. A communication from the Assistant Administrator of National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Initial Standards of Conduct” (RIN0648–AP08) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6052. A communication from the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Conduct” (RIN20700–AC37) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6053. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closure of Trawl of Directed Fishery for Pacific Hake in the Gulf of Alaska” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6054. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sea Turtle Conservation; Restrictions to Fishing Activities” (RIN0648–AP93) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6055. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coastal Ocean Program Supplemental Notice of Funds Availability for the South Florida Ecosystem Research and Monitoring Program for FY2002” (RIN0648–AT25) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6056. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Biennial report relative to the Chesapeake Bay for the period November 1998 through November 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6057. A communication from the Director of the Employment Service, United States Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reasonable Accommodation in Accommodations for Employees with Disabilities” (RIN3206–A111) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6058. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Regulations on the Restoration of Annual Leave Forfeited Due to the Exigency of Public Business Created by the ‘National Emergency by Reason of Certain Terrorist Attacks’” received on March 21, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6059. A communication from the Director of Personnel Management, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Base Pay Employees of Temporary Organizations” (RIN3206–AH7) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6060. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reasonable Accommodation in Accommodations for Employees with Disabilities” (RIN3206–A111) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6061. A communication from the Inspector General, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6062. A communication from the Inspector General, General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6063. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6064. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the inventory of commercial activities performed by Federal employees for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6065. A communication from the Executive Director of the Broadcasting Board of
Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6066. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Financial Management and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6067. A communication from the Chairman of the National Mediation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Documentation of Management Control Plan for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6068. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Final Report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6069. A communication from the Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Secretary, Mississippi River Commission, Department of the Army, transmitting, the Commission’s Final Report on the Status of Implementation of the Recreational Activities Fund (R.A.F.) Act of 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6070. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Board’s internal management controls; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6071. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Board’s Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6072. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Annual Report of Commercial Activities for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6073. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting jointly, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6074. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a noncompetitive Memorandum of Agreement Between DPW and WMATA Is Not Cost Effective; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6075. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Board’s Semiannual Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6076. 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 the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service under the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act (PMFIA) for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6077. A communication from the Executive Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Noncompetitive Memorandum of Agreement Between DPW and WMATA Is Not Cost Effective”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6078. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, the Foundation’s Annual Report in accordance with the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6079. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, the President’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6080. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the pay of Bureau of Prisons Federal Wage System (FWS) Employees dated February 1, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6081. A communication from the President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Agency’s Formal Management Control Review Program for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6082. A communication from the Director of the Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting, a report on audit activities for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6083. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6084. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, a report of the Administration’s inventory of commercial activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6085. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, Council’s combined annual report under the Inspector General’s Act and the annual statement under the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6086. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6087. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, and a report under the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6088. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Office of Personnel Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6089. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Personnel Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6090. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Personnel Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuance of the position of Assistant Secretary, Policing, for the position of Solicitor, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6091. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6092. A communication from the Commissioner of the Office of the Independent Counsel, transmitting, the Office of the Independent Counsel’s Annual Report on Audit and Investigative Activities dated October 31, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6093. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6094. A communication from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6095. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Management and Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuance of the position of Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC–6096. A communication from the President of California Indian Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Progress Report on the Status of Implementation of the Reciprocity Agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Siuslaw River, Siuslaw, and Sisquoc River on the Los Padres National Forest in California to by added to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6097. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6098. A communication from the Commissioner of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Solicitor, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6099. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6100. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6101. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, Policing, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
EC–6108. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6109. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6110. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6111. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6112. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC–6113. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Director, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6114. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6115. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6116. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Associate Attorney General, Office of the Associate Attorney General, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6117. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Associate Attorney General, Office of the Associate Attorney General, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6118. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Director, United States Marshall Service, Department of Justice, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6119. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6120. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6121. A communication from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Bates v. Indiana Department of Corrections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC–6122. A communication from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Provision of Hospital and Outpatient Care to Veterans—Enrollment Decision Level; Compensations for Inpatient Health Care and Outpatient Medical Care” (RIN2900–AK50) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6123. A communication from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Written and Oral Information or Statements Affecting Entitlement to Benefits” (RIN2900–AK25) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6124. A communication from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Advertising and Solicitation Requirements” (RIN2900–AJ86) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6125. A communication from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Provision of Hospital and Outpatient Care to Veterans—Enrollment Decision Level; Compensations for Inpatient Health Care and Outpatient Medical Care” (RIN2900–AK50) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6126. A communication from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Written and Oral Information or Statements Affecting Entitlement to Benefits” (RIN2900–AK25) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6127. A communication from the Commissioner, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 99–03; to the Committee on Appropriations.
“Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs” (RIN2900–AK99) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6137. 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 “Compensated Work Therapy/Traditional Residences Program” (RIN2900–AK91) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6138. 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 “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Obtaining Evidence Concerning Procedural Defects Without Remanding” (RIN2900–AK91) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC–6139. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Employability Standards, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6140. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary of Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6141. A communication from the Special Assistant, White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6142. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Disability Policy, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6143. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Office of Disability Employment Policy, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6144. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, Bureau of Land Statistics, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6145. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Land Statistics, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6146. A communication from the Director, 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; Implementation of Source of Payment for Benefits” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6147. 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 “Medical Devices; Gastroenterology—Urology Devices; Classification of the ‘Upper Gastrointestinal Capsule Imaging System’” (Doc. No. 01P–0304) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6148. 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 “Medical Devices; Device Tracking” (Doc. No. 00N–1534) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6149. 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 Beneficiary’s Assumptions and Assured Benefits Age” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6150. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Delinquent Filer Voluntary Compliance Program” (RIN2120–AA76) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6151. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Inferfertility and Sexually Transmitted Diseases for Fiscal Years 1997, 1998, and 1999” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6152. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fedraile Industry and Public Health: Tobacco and Tobacco Control at Local Government Level” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6153. A communication from the Secretary, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program” (Doc. No. 00N–1034) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6154. A communication from the Secretary, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Compensated Work Therapy/Traditional Residences Program” (RIN2900–AK91) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–6155. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6156. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6157. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Programs, Field Support and Research, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6158. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6159. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Management, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6160. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6161. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6162. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6163. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6164. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6165. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6166. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–6167. A communication from the Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict
EC–6201. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination to fill the position of General Counsel of the Air Force, Acquisition, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6202. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the amount of purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6203. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy, transmitting, a report concerning the closure of five Department of Defense commissary stores; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6204. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding Quality of Health Care Furnished under the Veterans Health Administration Program for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6205. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Finance Management Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s Annual Report regarding appropriated funds for recruiting functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–6206. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Requirements for Arthur Anderson LLP Auditing Clients” (RIN3259–A446) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6207. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “12 CFR Part 700, 701, 712, 713, 723, 725, and 790; Definitions and Technical Amendments” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6208. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reimbursement, Insurance and Identification of Officials and Employees” received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6209. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final Flood Elevation Determinations” (44 CFR 67) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6210. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevations” (RIN661100–0010) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6211. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to the Capital Guidelines for Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Institutions” (RIN661110–0009) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6212. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to the Capital Guidelines” (RIN661120–0016) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6213. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevations” (RIN661130–0012) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6214. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6215. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6216. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6217. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, a nomination, and a nomination confirmed for the position of Director, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Treasury; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6218. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “License Exemptions for Certain ‘Microprocessors’ Controlled by ECCN 3A001” (RIN0694–AC59) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6219. A communication from the Deputy Legal Counsel, CDFI Fund, Treasury, Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Funds Availability Inviting Applications for the First Accounts Program” (RIN6329–A011) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6220. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Capital Requirements for Federal Housing Loan Banks” (RIN3809–AB06) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6221. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Board, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled “Maintenance of Effort—Minimum Number of Annual Bank Board of Director Meetings” (RIN3809–AB05) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6222. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to HUD’s Civil Money Penalty Regulations” (RIN2501–AC56) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6223. A communication from the Group Vice President, Structured Export and Trade Finance, Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions in Armenia, Australia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6224. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6225. A communication from the Assistant Director, Federal Reserve Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments to the Capital Guidelines in Regulation H (Membership of State Insurance, Reinsurance and Investment Companies in the Federal Reserve System) and Regulation Y (Bank Holding Companies and Change in Bank Control) Relating to the Risk-Based Capital Treatment of Loans or Security Receivables” (RIN7000–A006) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–6226. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6227. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination from the position of Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of the Treasury, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6228. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy from the position of Assistant Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6230. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule from the position of Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role, and a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary/Designated Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6231. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Import Restrictions Impact on Archaeological and Ethnological Materials From Bolivia; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6232. A communication from the Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Expansion of Telehomecare Services for Beneficiaries”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6233. A communication from the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Board’s Annual Report for 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6234. A communication from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6235. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coordinated Issue: Losses Reported on Disposition of Leased or Stripped Transactions” (UILN 9226.01–00) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6236. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the
Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addition of New Grape Variety Names for American Wines” (RIN1512–AC26) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.


EC–6239. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawback; Conforming Amendments” (RIN1515–AD00) received on April 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6240. A communication from the Program Manager, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Importation of Surplus Military Curio or Relic Firearms” (ATF Rul. 2001–3) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.


EC–6242. 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 “Medicare Program; Correction of Certain Calendar Year 2002 Payment Rates Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and the Pro Rata Reduction on Transitional Pass-Through Payments; Correction of Technical and Typographical Errors (CMS–1195–F1)” (RIN0589–AK45) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6243. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Proposed Regulations: Average Interstate Fuel Update Notice” (Notice 2002–16) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6244. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice of Proposed Regulations: Average Interstate Fuel” (Notice 2001–38) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6245. 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 “Frequent Flyer Miles Attributed to Business or Official Travel” (Ann. 2002–18, entitled “Frequent Flyer Miles Attributed to a Disaster” (Rev. Proc. 2002–11) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6246. 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” (Rev. Proc. 2002–11) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6247. 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 “Delegation of Technical and Typographical Amendments to the Customs Regulations” (T.D. 2001–14) received on March 25, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.


EC–6249. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulations Branch, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “North American Free Trade Agreement” (RIN1515–AD08) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6250. 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 “Determining Income Under the Secured Party Disposition Program; Student Child Earned Income Exclusion” (RIN0589–AF69) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6251. A communication from Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medical and Medicaid Programs; Emergency Recertification for Coverage for Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO)” (RIN0589–AK81) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6252. 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 “Medicare Program; Coverage for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘Airworthiness Directives: Final Rule; Boeing Model 707 and 720 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2000–NM–05’ (RIN2120–AA69) (2002–0145) received on March 19, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–6255. 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 “Delegation of Technical and Typographical Amendments to the Customs Regulations” (T.D. 2001–14) received on March 25, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6256. 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 “Delegation of Technical and Typographical Amendments to the Customs Regulations” (T.D. 2001–14) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–6257. A communication from the Committee on Finance.

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Texton, Inc. for the Armed Forces of the United States’ (RIN:2123–AA84(2002–0142)) received on March 19, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6270. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Regulations to Implement Title II of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988” (RIN:4105–AC28) received on March 25, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6271. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “International Service Surveys: BE–20, Benchmark Survey of Selected Services Transactions with Unaffiliated Foreign Persons” (RIN:0661–AA41) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6272. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6273. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Retirement of a Credit for Airports” (RIN:2137–AD80) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6274. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Andres-Murphy, NC; Correction” (RIN:2123–AA66(2002–0142)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6275. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6276. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6277. A communication from the Acting Associate Director for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “In the Matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review-Streamlining of Cable Television Services Part 76 Public File and Notice Requirements” (Doc. No. 98–132, FED 01–3348) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6278. A communication from the Director, Office of Airline Enforcement, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E Airspace; Andres-Murphy, NC; Correction” (RIN:2123–AA66(2002–0142)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6279. A communication from the Director, Office of Sport Fishing, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6280. A communication from the Director, Office of Sport Fishing, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6281. A communication from the Director, Office of Sport Fishing, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revisions to Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements” (RIN:0648–AA12) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
EC–6298. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E5 Airspace; Greesley, CO” ((RIN2120–AA68)(2002–0043)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6300. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Establishment of Class E5 Airspace: Area 5201, Fort Drum, NY; Doc. No. 01–AEA–11” ((RIN2120–AA68)(2002–0037)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6301. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances” (FRL7158–7) ((RIN3150–AG88) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6302. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval or Operating Permit Programs; State of Nevada as a result of the World Trade Center has exceeded $5,000,000” ((RIN2115–AE46)(2002–0008)) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6304. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval of Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; States of Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska” ((RIN1716–03) received on March 19, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6305. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval or Operating Permit Programs; World Trade Center has exceeded $5,000,000” ((RFL7158–2) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6306. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Hooligan Inlet, Alaska” ((RIN2115–AE47)(2002–0033)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6307. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Corpus Christi Inner Harbor, Corpus Christi, Texas (COTP Corpus Christi 02–001)” ((RIN2115–AA97)(2002–00581)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6308. A communication from the General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nevada; Technical Connection” (FRL7159–6) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6309. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Removal of Restrictions on Certain Fire Suppression Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances; Notice of Application for Approval; Corridor” (FRL1760–3) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6310. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval or Operating Permit Programs; State of Iowa” (FRL7156–6) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6311. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Filing of Failure to Submit a Required Specified Fact; Asbestos—II for Fiscal Year 2000” to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6312. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances” (FRL6617–8) ((RIN2115–AG88) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6313. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Corpus Christi Inner Harbor, Corpus Christi, Texas (COTP Corpus Christi 02–001)” ((RIN2115–AA97)(2002–00581)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6314. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Hooligan Inlet, Alaska” ((RIN2115–AE47)(2002–0033)) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–6315. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Removal of Restrictions on Certain Fire Suppression Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances; Notice of Application for Approval; Corridor” (FRL1760–3) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6316. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Removal of Restrictions on Certain Fire Suppression Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances; Notice of Application for Approval; Corridor” (FRL1760–3) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6317. A communication from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Filing of Failure to Submit a Required Specified Fact; Asbestos—II for Fiscal Year 2000” to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6318. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and a nomination for the position of Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6319. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval or Operating Permit Programs; Interstate Waterways” (FRL7156–9) received on March 15, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6320. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts—II for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6321. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Fundamental Properties of Asphalts and Modified Asphalts—II for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Pesticide Active Ingredient Production" (FRL1762-5) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6363. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Draft Interim Final Determination of the State of California Has Conditionally Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Catalytic Cracking Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Recovery Units" (RIN2125–AE97) received on April 2, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6364. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors of Freddie Mac during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6365. A communication from the Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch: Definitions of Compensation for Purposes of Prohibition on Acceptance of Compensation in Connection with Certain Teaching, Speaking and Writing Activities" (RIN3209–AA04) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6366. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's regulation and oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6367. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of functions performed by the Agency that are not inherently governmental; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6368. A communication from the Deputy Director, receiving on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6369. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truck Length and Width Exclusive Devices" (RIN2125–AC30) received on April 2, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6370. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementations Plan; State of Missouri" (FRL1762–9) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6371. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Well-Formed Glass Matt Production" (FRL1763–3) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6372. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM Revision" (RIN3150–AG97) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6373. A communication from the Regulations Officer for the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Petroleum Refineries: Catalytic Cracking Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Recovery Units" (RIN2125–AB80) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6374. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(1) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; State of West Virginia; Department of Environmental Protection; Ninety-Four Days Report" (FRL1764–7) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6375. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Determination of the State of California Has Conditionally Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Catalytic Cracking Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Recovery Units" (FRL1762–5) received on March 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6376. A communication from the Chairman of the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office Reports for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6377. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Homestead Tax Deduction Program Deficiencies May Have Caused the Distribution of More Than $44 Million During Fiscal Years 1996 through 2000"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6378. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's balance sheet and statements of income, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6379. A communication from the Director of the Office of General Counsel and Legal Counsel, Office of Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch: Definitions of Compensation for Purposes of Prohibition on Acceptance of Compensation in Connection with Certain Teaching, Speaking and Writing Activities" (RIN3209–AA04) received on March 21, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–6380. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise" (RIN2125–AE97) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6381. A communication from the Chairman of the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the monthly status report on the licensing activities and regulatory duties of the Commission dated December 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6382. A communication from the Chairman of the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, the monthly status report on the licensing activities and regulatory duties of the Commission dated November 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6383. A communication from the Regulations Director for the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truck Length and Width Exclusive Devices" (RIN2125–AC30) received on April 2, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–6384. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors of Freddie Mac during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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EC–6386. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office's regulation and oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac during Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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EC–6390. A communication from the Regulations Officer for the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Petroleum Refineries: Catalytic Cracking Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Recovery Units" (RIN2125–AB80) received on April 1, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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EC–6394. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's balance sheet and statements of income, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.


The following reports of committees were submitted:

- **S. 913**: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

At the request of Ms. Mikulski, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Cleland) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

At the request of Mrs. Hutchison, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. Schumer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to require the provision of information to parents and adults concerning bacterial meningitis and the availability of a vaccination with respect to such diseases.

At the request of Mr. Levin, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide assistance to communities for the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

At the request of Mr. Hatch, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Nelson) were added as cosponsors of S. 1079, 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.

At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mrs. Ensign) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) were added as cosponsors of S. 1278, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

At the request of Mr. Leahy, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Feingold) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture.

At the request of Mr. Campbell, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McConnell) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. Smith) were added as cosponsors of S. 1338, a bill to amend the Bringing Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide appropriate reimbursement under the Medicare program for ambulance trips originating in rural areas.

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Conrad), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kerry), and the

**RECOMMENDED REPORTS**

There were no recommended reports of committees submitted.

**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:

- **S. 427**: A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Feingold) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

At the request of Mr. Hatch, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Nelson) were added as cosponsors of S. 304, 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.

At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mrs. Ensign) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) were added as cosponsors of S. 304, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

At the request of Mr. Leahy, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Feingold) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture.

At the request of Mr. Campbell, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McConnell) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. Smith) were added as cosponsors of S. 304, a bill to amend the Bringing Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide appropriate reimbursement under the Medicare program for ambulance trips originating in rural areas.

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Conrad), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kerry), and the
Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to impose sanctions against the PLO or the Palestinian Authority if the President determines that those entities have failed to substantially comply with commitments made to the State of Israel.

S. 1549

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1549, a bill to provide for increasing the technically trained workforce in the United States.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacive the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the application of the excise tax imposed on bows and arrows.

S. 1745

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1745, a bill to delay until at least January 1, 2003, any changes in medicaid regulations that modify the medicaid upper payment limit for non-State Government-owned or operated hospitals.

S. 1777

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1777, a bill to authorize assistance for individuals with disabilities in foreign countries, including victims of landmines and other victims of civil strife and warfare, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of the chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1899

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1899, a bill to amended title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 1917

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin, (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1917, a bill to provide for highway infrastructure investment at the guaranteed funding level contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States.

S. 1984

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to amended the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficieny Act of 1991 to identify a route that passes through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

S. 3032

AMENDMENT NO. 3032

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3032 intended to be proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2074. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, I am tremendously pleased to introduce legislation that will authorize a cost-of-living adjustment, COLA, to veterans’ compensation for next year.

Every year, Congress fulfills its obligation to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to veterans’ disability benefits. While we can never truly repay the debt that we owe to these individuals for their sacrifices to our country, what we can do is ensure that the benefits—whether for food, clothing, or shelter—that are intended to be proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 2074. 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 “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2002, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under sections 1115(1) of such title.
(3) Clothing allowance.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) New definition.—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) Old DIC rates.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

(6) Additional DIC for surviving spouses with minor children.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1311(b)(1) of such title.

(7) DIC for dependent children.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and 1311(d) of such title.

(8) DIC for disabled children.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) Determination of increase.—(1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30, 2000.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2002, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded down to the next whole dollar amount.

(d) Special rule.—The Secretary may adjust, in a manner consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-587 (72 Stat. 893) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

As in the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i)(1) of such Act during fiscal year 2003, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to that section.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3078. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 297 proposed by Mr. DASCHELLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) supra.

(b) prohibit the commercial sale of real-time proprietary information; and

(b) by adding at the end the following:

(7) Applicability.—This subsection does not apply to an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt energy commodity described in section 2(j)(1).

(b) Recordkeeping by Eligible Contract Participants.—On request of the Commission made within 5 years after the date of any transaction, an eligible contract participant that trades on an electronic trading facility shall provide to the Commission, with in the time period specified in the request and in such form and manner as the Commission may specify, any information relating to any transactions of an eligible contract participant on the facility or system that the Commission determines to be appropriate.

(b) by adding at the end the following:

(i) Transactions in exempt energy commodities.—An agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)) in an exempt energy commodity shall be subject to—

(A) sections 4b, 4c(b), 4o, and 5b;

(B) subsections (c) and (d) of section 6 and sections 6c, 6d, and 8a, to the extent that those provisions—

(i) provide for the enforcement of the requirements specified in and analogous to those provisions—

(ii) prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market;

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

(7) Applicability.—This subsection does not apply to any person, firm, or corporation that is an "eligible contract participant" as defined in section 2(j)(1) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 1a(8)), or any person, firm, or corporation that is a "registered entity" as defined in section 2(j)(1) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 1a(8)).
may specify for a period of 5 years after the date of the transaction; and

"(II) make those books and records available to representatives of the Commission and the Department of Justice for inspection for a period of 5 years after the date of each transaction;

"(v) make available to the public on a daily basis information on volume, settlement price, open interest, and opening and closing ranges, and any other information that the Commission determines to be appropriate; (iv) prohibit, except that the Commission may not—

"(I) require the real time publication of proprietary information; or

"(II) prohibit the commercial sale of real time proprietary information.

Section 2(h) or 4(c)''; and

"(2)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (2) and (7)'';

"(7)''; and

"(2)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (2) and (7)'';

"(a) I N GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(8) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 1833b) is amended—

"(b) FERC L IAISON.—Section 2(a)(8) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 1833b) is amended—

"(a) I N GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(6) of the Commodity Futures Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2a(a)(6)) is amended by striking in paragraph (2) the end; and

"(b) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

"(c) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) Section 1206 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1833b) is amended by inserting— the “Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after— the “Farm Credit Administration, .”;

SEC. 3. JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION OVER DERIVATIVES TRANSACTIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the Commission determines that any contract that comes before the Commission is not under the jurisdiction of the Commission, the Commission shall refer the contract to the appropriate Federal agency.

"(2) MEETINGS.—A designee of the Commission shall meet quarterly with a designee of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Federal Reserve Board to discuss—

"(A) conditions and events in energy trading markets; and

"(B) any changes in Federal law (including regulations) that may be appropriate to regulate energy trading markets.

"(C) Liaison.—The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, maintain a liaison between the Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission."

SA 3080. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transition partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes, which was ordered for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike (1) and replace with:

"Eligible renewable energy resource.—The term ‘renewable energy resource’ means solar, wind, ocean, or geothermal energy, biomass, landfill gas, a generation offset, or incremental hydropower."

SA 3081. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2989 proposed by Mrs. PEYTON J. PETERS (for herself, MR. CASSIDY, MR. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LEAHY, Mrs. DURBIN, MR. FITZGERALD, and MR. BINGMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transition partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

DIVISION I—MISCELLANEOUS
SEC. 1. JURISDICTION OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION OVER ENERGY TRADING MARKETS.

(a) FERC L IAISON.—Section 2(a)(8) of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2a(a)(8)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(b) EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

"(7) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection does not apply to an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt energy commodity described in section 2(a)(1);"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(1) TRANSACTIONS IN EXEMPT ENERGY COMMODITIES.—An agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)(1)) in an exempt energy commodity shall be subject to—

"(A) sections 4b, 4c(b), 4o, and 5b;

"(B) subsections (c) and (d) of section 6 and sections 6c, 6d, and 6a, to the extent that those provisions—

"(i) provide for the enforcement of the requirements specified in this subsection; and

"(ii) prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market;

"(C) sections 6c, 6d, 8a, and 9a(2), to the extent that those provisions prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market;

"(D) subsection 12(e)(2); and

"(E) section 22(a)(4).

(2) BILATERAL DEALER MARKETS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (6), a person or group of persons has the authority to enter, execute, trade, or confirm the execution of an agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)) (other than an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt commodity), by making or accepting the bids and offers of 1 or more participants on the facility or system in which a person or group of persons has the authority to enter, execute, trade, or confirm the execution of an agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)) (other than an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt commodity) only if the person or group of persons meets the requirement of subparagraph (B).

"(B) REQUIREMENT.—The requirement of this subparagraph is that a person or group of persons described in subparagraph (A) shall—

"(i) provide notice to the Commission in such form as the Commission may specify by rule or regulation in this section and file with the Commission any reports (including large trader position reports) that the Commission requires by rule or regulation;

"(ii) maintain sufficient capital, commensurate with the risk associated with the transaction, as determined by the Commission;

"(iv) consistent with section 4i, maintain books and records relating to each transaction in such form as the Commission may specify for a period of 5 years after the date of the transaction; and

"(II) make those books and records available to the Commissioner and the Administrative Law Judge for inspection for a period of 5 years after the date of each transaction; and

"(iv) make available to the public on a daily basis information on volume, settlement price, open interest, and closing ranges, and any other information that the Commission may specify for a period of 5 years after the date of the transaction; and

"(ii) prohibit the commercial sale of real time proprietary information.

(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—On request of the Commission, a registered participant that trades on a facility or system described in paragraph (2)(A) shall provide to the Commission, within the time period specified by the facility or system in which the transactions are executed, any information relating to the transactions of eligible contract participant on the facility or system within 5 years after the date of any transaction that the Commission determines to be appropriate.

"(4) TRANSACTIONS EXEMPTED BY COMMISSION ACTION.—Any agreement, contract, or transaction described in paragraph (1) (other than an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt commodity) that would otherwise be exempted by the Commission under section 2(c) shall be subject to—

"(A) sections 4b, 4c(b), 4o, and 5b;

"(B) subsections (c) and (d) of section 6 and sections 6c, 6d, and 6a, to the extent that those provisions prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market.

(5) NO EFFECT ON OTHER FERC AUTHORITY.—

This subsection does not affect the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to regulate transactions under the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.) or the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717 et seq.).

(3) in section 5a(g)(1) (7 U.S.C. 7a(g)(1)), by striking "subsection (h) or (j) of section 2 or section 4(c)" and inserting "subsection (h) or (j) of section 2 or section 4(c)".

SEC. 2. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AT THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(6) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(6)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(G) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman may appoint and fix the compensation of any officers, attorneys, economists, examiners, and other employees that are necessary in the execution of the duties of the Commission.

"(ii) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—The Chairman may provide additional compensation and benefits to employees of the Chairman if the same type and amount of compensation or benefits are provided, or are authorized to be provided, by any other Federal agency.

(3) in section 5373(a) of title 5, United States Code, by adding at the end the following:

"(B) a registered derivatives transaction execution facility regulated under section 5a."

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(3) in section 5373(h) of title 5, United States Code, by adding at the end the following:

"(A) to the extent that those provisions prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market.

(3) Sections 5373(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(B) by striking "Securities and Exchange Commission.''; and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4).

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "or" at the end; and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4).

(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:
Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact David Brooks of the committee staff at (202-224-9863).

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 107–3

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on April 8, 2002, by the President of the United States:

'Treaty with India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters ('Treaty Document No. 107–3')

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and ordered to be printed; and that the President’s message be printed in the Record.

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

The President’s message is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at New Delhi on October 17, 2001.

I submit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of the Interior with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties that the United States has concluded or is negotiating in order to counter criminal activities more effectively. The Treaty should be an effective tool to assist in the investigation and prosecution of a wide variety of modern crimes, including terrorism-related crimes, drug trafficking, and “white collar” crimes. The Treaty is self-executing.

The Treaty provides for a broad range of cooperation in criminal matters and related proceedings. Mutual assistance available under the Treaty includes: (1) taking the testimony or statements of persons; (2) providing documents, records, and items of evidence; (3) locating or identifying persons or items; (4) serving documents; (5) transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes; (6) executing requests for searches and seizures; (7) assisting in proceedings relating to seizure and forfeiture of assets, restitution, and collection of fines; and (8) rendering any other form of assistance not prohibited by the laws of the Requested State.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 8, 2002.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 726.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, that any statements appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD as though read, and the Senate return to legislative session, without any intervening action or debate.

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

The nomination was confirmed and confirmed as follows:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 9; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that at 11 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of the energy reform bill; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 tomorrow for the weekly party conference.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that
the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order. There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:50 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 8, 2002:

**IN THE COAST GUARD**

The following named officer for appointment as chief of staff of the United States Coast Guard under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 50a:

To be chief of staff

VICE ADM. THAD W. ALLEN, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as vice commandant of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 47:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. THOMAS J. BARRETT, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as commander, Atlantic Area of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 50:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JAMES D. HULL, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as commander, Pacific Area of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 50:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. TERRY M. CROSS, 0000

**CONFIRMATION**

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 8, 2002:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MELANIE SABELHAUS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

The above nomination was approved subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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 Monday, April 8, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 9

3 p.m.
Conferees
Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011.
1300 Longworth Building

9 a.m.
Armed Services
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on technology for combating terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

9:30 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Program, created by the Welfare Reform Law of 1996.

10 a.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to long-term health care.

10 a.m.
Appropriations
To hold hearings to examine Homeland Security; hearings will continue at 2 p.m.

10 a.m.
SD–215

2:30 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on the reauthorization of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Act.

2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on pending legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy’s Environmental Management program and the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Defense Program and other weapons activities.

2:30 p.m.
SR–222

9 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation that would establish a Department of National Homeland Security and a White House office to combat terrorism.

APRIL 10

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Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
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Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine pending legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance programs of the Department of Defense (closed in S–407).

10 a.m.
SR–222

3 p.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul A. Quander, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Courts Services Agency.

3 p.m.
SD–342

This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
APRIL 12
9 a.m.
Judiciary
Immigration Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act.
SD-226

APRIL 16
10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine problems relating to the availability and use of fake or fraudulently issued driver's licenses, focusing on what state and federal governments can do to improve the system.
SD-342

APRIL 17
10 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the monetary policy and the economic outlook in the context of the current economic situation, focusing on the economic rebound now underway.
Room to be announced

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Constitution Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the application of the War Powers Resolution to the war on terrorism.
SH-226

APRIL 18
9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the state of public health preparedness for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction.
SD-342

3 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 1441, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 1526, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, S. 1638, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System; S. 1809/H.R. 1776, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas, S. 2033/H.R. 4004, to authorize appropriations for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
SD-366

APRIL 23
10 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the implications of the human capital crisis, focusing on how the federal government is recruiting, selecting, retaining, and training individuals to oversee trade policies and regulate financial industries.
SD-342

2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Competition and Business and Consumer Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine cable competition, focusing on the ATT-Comcast merger.
SD-226

POSTPONEMENTS

APRIL 9
2:30 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Public Health Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the crisis in children's dental health.
SD-430
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HIGHLIGHTS
See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action
Routine Proceedings, pages S2345–S2374

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2074.

Measures Reported:
S. 187, commending the staffs of Members of Congress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending Physician and his health care staff, and other members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism during the days and weeks following the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle’s office, and with an amended preamble.

Energy Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Withdrawn:
Reid/Crapo Amendment No. 3079 (to Amendment No. 2989), in the nature of a substitute.

Pending:
Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), in the nature of a substitute.

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks.

Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available.

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees.

Landrieu/Kyl Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment.

Graham Amendment No. 3070 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Reid Amendment No. 3081 (to Amendment No. 2989), in the nature of a substitute.

A motion was entered to close further debate on Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:


The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:
Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:
4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.
House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 360, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.

Report Filed on April 4 Pursuant to the Order of the House of March 20: H.R. 3762, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, and to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit insider trades during any suspension of the ability of plan participants or beneficiaries to direct investment away from equity securities of the plan sponsor, amended (H. Rept. 107–383, Part 1).

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see Daily Digest, p. D272)


CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 9 through April 13, 2002

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of S. 517, Energy Policy Act.

On Wednesday, Senate will continue consideration of S. 517, Energy Policy Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917).
During the balance of the week, Senate may also consider any other cleared legislative and/or executive business.

**Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Special Committee on Aging:** April 10, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to long-term health care, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

**Committee on Appropriations:** April 10, to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security; hearings will continue at 2 p.m, 10 a.m., SH–216.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Homeland Security; hearings will continue at 2 p.m, 10 a.m., SH–216.

**Committee on Armed Services:** April 9, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense policies and programs to transform the Armed Forces to meet the challenges of the 21st century, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

April 9, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy equipment required for fielding a 21st century capabilities-based Navy, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

April 10, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on technology for combating terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, 9 a.m., SR–253.

April 10, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program and the National Nuclear Security Administration's Defense Program and other weapons activities, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

April 11, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on military personnel benefits, 9:30 a.m., SR–232A.

April 11, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance programs of the Department of Defense (closed in S–407), 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** April 11, to hold oversight hearings to examine proposals to improve the Housing Voucher Program, 2:30 p.m., SD–558.

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** April 11, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine Enron’s potential role in electricity market manipulation and the subsequent effect on the western states, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** April 10, Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risk, and Waste Management, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Superfund program, 10 a.m., SD–406.

**Committee on Finance:** April 10, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, created by the Welfare Reform Law of 1996, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine various improper and illegal tax avoidance schemes, including the use of credit/debit cards to access offshore bank accounts established to conceal taxable income, 10 a.m., SD–215.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** April 9, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy options in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, focusing on the weak states in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** April 11, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation that would establish a Department of National Homeland Security and a White House office to combat terrorism, 9 a.m., SD–342.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul A. Quander, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the District of Columbia Offender Supervision, Defender, and Courts Services Agency, 3 p.m., SD–342.

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** April 9, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Corporation for National Service, 10 a.m., SD–430.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Institute of Museum and Library Services Act, 10 a.m., SD–430.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

**Committee on the Judiciary:** April 9, to hold hearings to examine Federal Bureau of Investigations reform in the wake of the Hanssen espionage case, 10 a.m., SD–628.

April 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SH–226.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings on judicial nominations, 2:30 p.m., SH–226.

April 12, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, 9 a.m., SD–226.

**United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:** April 11, to hold hearings to examine the enforcement of the nation’s drug enforcement laws, focusing on small towns’ ability to face the challenge, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

**House Chamber**

The House was not in session today.

**House Committees**

**Committee on Appropriations,** April 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, on NIH Panel: Collaborations in Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.
April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on FTC, 10 a.m., and Congressional witnesses, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

April 10, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness/Courts, 1:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on U.S. Assistance to Colombia, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management-Fish Passage Barriers, 1:30 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, on Secretary of Education, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H–143 Capitol.

April 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on State Department Management, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

April 11, Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, on Department of Education Panel: No Child Left Behind Implementation Issues, 9:45 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 9:30 a.m., H–143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 10, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on force protection and long-term recapitalization of all U.S. military installations and facilities, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the fiscal year 2003 Defense Health Program budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Research and Development, joint hearing on fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 9, hearing on “Working Toward Independence: The Administration’s Plan to Build upon the Successes of Welfare Reform,” 3 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing on “Record Keeping under the LMRDA: Do DOL Reporting Systems Benefit the Rank and File?” 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on the “Status of Financial Management at the Department of Education,” 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Education, hearing on the “Corporation for National and Community Service,” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 10, to mark up H.R. 3833, Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002, and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.


April 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “A Review of Enhanced Security Requirements at NRC Licensed Facilities,” 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 9, to continue hearings on H.R. 3763, Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act of 2002, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 3995, Housing and Affordability for America Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing to review the current status of empowerment zones and renewal communities, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.


Committee on Government Reform, April 9, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on “The Federal Government’s Consolidated Financial Statements: Are They Reliable?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on “Enhancing Border Security and Law Enforcement,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 11, full Committee, hearing on “The Importance of Access to Presidential Records: The Views of Historians,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on “Paperwork Inflation—The Growing Burden on America,” 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement, hearing on “Making Sense of Procurement’s Alphabet Soup: How Purchasing Agencies Choose Between FSS and GSA,” 9:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 11, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Colombia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 9, oversight hearing on “Restructuring the INS—How the Agency’s Dysfunctional Structure Impedes the Performance of its Dual Mission,” 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 10, to mark up H.R. 3231, Immigration Reform and Accountability Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.
April 11, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Operations and Fiscal Year 2003 Budget,” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 10, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3808, Consistent Public Land Laws Enforcement Act of 2002; H.R. 3962, Good Neighbor Act of 2002; H.R. 3954, Caribbean National Forest and Scenic Rivers Act of 2002; and H.R. 3401, California Five Mile Regional Learning Center Transfer Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 10, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2301, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 11, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3470, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC0907P; H.R. 3908, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.


Committee on Rules, April 9, to consider H.R. 3925, Digital Tech Corps Act of 2002, 5:30 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, April 9, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports, hearing on Payroll Industry at Risk Due to ACH System Used for Direct Deposit, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 10, full Committee, hearing entitled “Can Improved Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act Resuscitate Small Healthcare Providers?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 10, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on proposals for a Water Resources and Development Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 11, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Adequacy of FAA Oversight of Passenger Aircraft Maintenance, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.
Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH 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

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*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 8 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 29 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

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Summary

Total Nominations carried over from the First Session: 791
Total Nominations Received this Session: 6,253
Total Confirmed: 5,201
Total Unconfirmed: 1,840
Total Withdrawn: 3
Total Returned to the White House: 0
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 9
   Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 517, Energy Policy Act. (Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, April 9
   House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:
(1) H.R. 3921, Acquisition Streamlining Improvement Act;
(2) H. Res. , Recognizing the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and commending the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations;
(3) H. Res. , Congratulating the People of Utah, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, and the Athletes of the World for a Successful and Inspiring 2002 Olympic Games;
(4) H.R. 3848, Washington County Recreational and Visitor Facilities Construction;
(5) H.R. 2937, Conveyance of Land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range;
(6) H.R. 3958, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Settlement Act;
(7) H.R. 3480, Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act; and