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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two treaties which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 274. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 162. An act to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 149. Concurrent resolution expressing the support for the celebration of Patriots' Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots.

H. Con. Res. 156. Concurrent resolution extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the occasion of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 274. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 149. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the celebration of Patriots' Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 14. A bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 51. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1982. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice (Notice 2003-23)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1983. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Estimated Tax Payments (Rev. Rul. 2003-34)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1984. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Abusive Offshore Deferred Compensation Arrangements (Notice 2003-22)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1985. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—February 2003 (Rev. Rul. 2003-42)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1986. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—May 2003 (Rev. Rul. 2003-45)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1987. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action on Decision: Coordinated Issue: Contingent Liabilities (AOD 2003-17)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1988. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Significant Reduction in the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual (1545-BA08)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1989. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Overrecovered Fuel Costs (Rev. Rul. 2003-39)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1990. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the Active Trade or Business Requirement under Section 355(b) (Rev. Rul. 2003-38)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1991. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Accounting Period Change Term and Condition (Rev. Proc. 2003-34)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1992. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 9100 relief for 338 elections (Rev. Proc. 2003-33)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1993. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax Return Preparers—Electronic Filing (1545-BC12)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1994. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Depreciation of Tires (Rev. Proc. 2002-27)" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1995. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Aircraft Engines CT7 Series Turbo-prop Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-48 (2120-AA64) (2003-0168)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1996. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300B2 and B4 Series Airplanes; and A300 B4-600, B4-600R, and P4-600R Series Airplanes; docket no. 2001-NM-378 (2120-AA64) (2003-0169)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1997. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model Hawker 800XP and 800 Airplanes; docket no. 2001-NM-18 (2120-AA64) (2003-0170)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1998. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB SF340A Series Airplanes; Docket no. 2000-NM-420 (2120-AA64) (2003-0171)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1999. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Surface Area Airspace and Modification of Class E Airspace; Jefferson City, MO; CORRECTION (2120-AA66) (2003-0072)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2000. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Emmetsburg, IA; Docket no. 03-ACE-18 (2120-AA66) (2003-0073)" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.