

offered to Medicare eligible enrollees by a plan under the Federal employees health benefits program shall be at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered by such plan to its enrollees generally; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### 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-3028. A communication from The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Prisoners of War Benefit Amendments of 2003"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3029. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3030. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report for the Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3031. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program" (ND-046-FOR) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3032. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Regulatory Program" (TX-043-FOR) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3033. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Illinois Regulatory Program" (IL-099-FOR) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3034. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-128-FOR) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3035. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Virginia Regulatory Program" (WV-098-FOR) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3036. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 02-05; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3037. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2003-27, relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military Assistance to the Rome Statute Establishing the International Criminal Court; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3038. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a danger pay allowance to US government civilians in Saudi

Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3039. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on peacekeeping operations and costs of maintaining international stability; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3040. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of texts and background statements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3041. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the vacancy, the designation of acting officer, and nomination for the position of Director of Office of Management and Budget, received July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3042. A communication from the General Counsel, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Director of Management; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3043. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3044. A communication from the Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3045. A communication from the Chairman of the Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3046. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Office of the Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3047. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-99, "Honoraria Temporary Amendment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3048. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-100, "Lead-Based Paint Abatement and Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3049. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-106, "Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Support Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3050. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-101, "Dedication and Designation of Commodore, Joshua Barney Drive, N.E., Fort Lincoln Drive, N.E., and Lincoln Drive North, N.E., Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3051. A communication from the Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the cor-

rected version of the Postal Rate's Commission's Report to the Congress on FY 2002 International Mail Volumes, Costs, and Revenues; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3052. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3053. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E for Fiscal Years 2000 Through 2003 as of March 31, 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3054. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Auditor's Review of the University of the District of Columbia's Land-Grant Endowment Fund"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3055. A communication from the Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report containing copies of the Postal Rate Commission's Report to the Congress on FY 2002 International Mail Volumes, Costs, and Revenues; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3056. A communication from the Director, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Injury and Illness Recording Requirements — Deletion of MSD Column Requirements" (RIN1218-AC06) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3057. 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 "Amendment to the Interim Final Regulation" (RIN0938-AL42) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3058. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifying of Release Gratuities—Release Transportation Regulations to More Closely Conform to Statutory Provisions" (RIN1120-AB21, 68 FR 34301) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3059. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Office of General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Release Gratuities, Transportation, and Clothing: Aliens" (RIN1120-AA93, 68FR34299), received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3060. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3061. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3062. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3063. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a nomination for the position of Director, Office on Violence Against Women, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3064. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of acting officer, nomination, and discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3065. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, designation of acting officer, and nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3066. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3067. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3068. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3069. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Designation of Special Control for Eight Surgical Suture" (Docket No. 02N-0228) received July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3070. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Skin Protectant Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Use; Final Monograph" (RIN0910-AA01/ Docket No. 78N-0021) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3071. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, received on June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3072. A communication from an Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Small Grains Crop Insurance Provisions and Wheat Crop Insurance Winter Coverage Endorsement" (RIN0564-AB63) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3073. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2002 Marketing Quotas and Price Support for Flue-Cured Tobacco" (RIN0560-AG60) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3074. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Salmonella Enteritidis Phage-Type 4; Remove Import Restrictions and Salmonella

Enteritidis Serotype Enteritidis; Remove Regulations" (RIN0579-AB31) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3075. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Approval Under Section 112(i) of the Clean Air Act; Virginia; State Operating Permit Program" (FRL#7519-2) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3076. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stay of Authority Under 40 CFR 50.9 (b) Related to Applicability of 1-Hor Ozone Standard" (FRL#7519-3) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3077. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State and Federal Operating Permits Programs: Amendments to Compliance Certification Requirements" (FRL#7519-5) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3078. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for Texas; Approval of Selection 179B Demonstration of Attainment, Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget for Conformity, and Contingency Measure for El Paso Carbon Monoxide Nonattainment Area" (FRL#7521-2) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3079. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL#7511-6) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3080. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irradiation of Sweetpotatoes from Hawaii" (APHIS Docket No. 03-062-1) received on June 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3081. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fruits and Vegetables" (doc. no. 02-026-4) received on June 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3082. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis Cry34AB1 and Cry35b1 Proteins and the Genetic Material Necessary for their Production in Corn; Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL# 7310-1) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3083. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diallyl Sulfides; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7303-6) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3084. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Famoxadone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7310-9) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3085. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerance; Technical Correction" (FRL#7316-5) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3086. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7313-7) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3087. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL#7308-9) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3088. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Nomenclature Changes; Technical Amendment" (FRL#7316-9) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3089. A communication from an Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Administrative Review Requirements — Food Retailers/Wholesalers" (RIN0584-AD23) received on July 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1382. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1383. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1379. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.