

plant, began its grassroots efforts in early 2002 and has since added over 720 farmer-investors. This plant will process 15 million bushels of corn each year, producing 40 million gallons of ethanol annually, creating more than 35 new jobs in Saline County. It will boost the value of locally grown corn and generate revenue for the farmers who have invested in the cooperative. In addition, the site preparation and construction of the plant will provide a boost to the area's economy. This plant is being built at a cost of \$60 million, and it is expected to be in operation by Spring 2005.

The technology for ethanol-blended fuel will only get better as the distribution network continues to grow. Ethanol is already marketed in a number of places at the same price as gasoline, and its increased use will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and help agricultural producers. There are currently 73 ethanol plants in the country, with the capacity to produce 2.9 billion gallons annually. The Malta Bend plant is one of 13 new plants under construction, which represent more than 400 million gallons per year of new ethanol production. I am confident the energy bill that emerges from the Congress will retain the Renewable Fuels Standard, which will double the production and use of ethanol over the next ten years.

I am proud of the hard work and commitment that the farmers of Mid-Missouri Energy have shown in getting this plant built. Their efforts are crucial to helping our agricultural industry in Missouri and providing jobs and growth for the Missouri economy. I am pleased to congratulate them, as well as the farmer-investors of Missouri's two operative ethanol plants, Northeast Missouri Grain, LLC and General Triangle Energy Cooperative, for all that they have done to support Missouri job creation and economic growth.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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 laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of September 30, 2003, the Secretary of the

Senate, on September 30, 2003, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3146. An act to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of September 30, 2003, the enrolled bill was subsequently signed by (Mr. TALENT).

At 11:44 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 570. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office".

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building".

H.R. 2086. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office building".

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

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day.

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3146) to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes."

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1882. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the "Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2075. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2086. An act to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3011. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 159. Concurrent resolution declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Johnny Cash.

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-4485. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Bill Regulations—Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)—Allocation of Administrative Funds" (RIN0584-AD33) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4486. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Denomination of Customer Funds and Location of Depositories" (RIN3038-AB31) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4487. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. and the Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., Petitions for Treatment of Floor Brokers and Floor Traders as Eligible Commercial Entities Pursuant to Section 1a(1)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4488. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Data and Disclosure for Commodity Trading Advisors" (RIN3038-AB39) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4489. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4490. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Futures and Options Transactions" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4491. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Account Identification for Bunched Orders" (RIN3038-AB93) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4492. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Appendix C of Part 40 and Redesignation as Appendix D of Part 30" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4493. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Washington Mutual, Inc. and its Various Subsidiaries Request for Relief" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4494. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review by the National Futures Association of Disclosure Documents Required to be Filed by Commodity Pool Operators for Publicly-Offered Commodity Pools" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4495. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Pool Operators" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4496. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Petition for Interpretation Pursuant to Section 1a(12)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4497. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Identification Programs for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers" (RIN3038-AB90) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4498. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Registration and Other Regulatory Relief for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors; Past Performance Issues" (RIN3038-AB97) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4499. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sugar Beet Disaster Program" (RIN0560-AH04) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4500. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outside Storage of Extra Long Staple Loan Cotton" (RIN0560-AH03) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4501. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "2003 Agricultural Assistance Act—Crop Disaster Program and Livestock Assistance Program" (RIN0560-AG95) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4502. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2003 Commercial Activities Report for the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4503. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, Plans and Policy Directorate, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title 32—National Defense, Chapter VII—Department of the Air Force Part 809a—Installation Entry Policy, Civil Disturbance Intervention and Disaster Assistance" (RIN0701-AA64)

EC-4504. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Report on the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4505. A communication from the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the experience under the fiscal years 1999 and 2000 revitalization pilot programs in exercising authorities provided for the administration of programs to demonstrate improved efficiency in the performance of research, development, test, and evaluation functions of the Department; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4506. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4507. A communication from the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter notifying the Senate of the intention of Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) to fund several Fiscal Year 2004 projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4508. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the Department's intention to close the combined commissary and exchange stores at Homestead Air Reserve Base, FL and Fort McClellan, AL; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4509. A communication from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower and Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, a report of a decision to implement performance by the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) of Base Support Services of Naval Surface Warfare/Weapons Centers in Carderock, MD and Philadelphia, PA; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Financial Management and Comptroller, transmitting, a copy of the Army's Annual Financial Statement report for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4511. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a report on direct spending related to combating terrorism dated September 18, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4512. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinoxifen; Pesticide Tolerance"

(FRL#7318-2) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4513. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sethoxydim; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7328-6) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4514. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Meal Moth Granulosis Virus; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7328-8) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4515. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glufosinate Ammonium; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#73278-9) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4516. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL#7327-3) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4517. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorfenapyr; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7320-8) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4518. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Investment Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Custody of Funds or Securities of Clients by Investment Advisers" (RIN3235-AH26) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4519. A communication from the Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Interest Rates, 12 CFR Part 701" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4520. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Final Paperwork for Late Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations" (RIN1018-AI93) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4521. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2003-04 Late Season" (RIN1018-AI93) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4522. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AI93) received on September

25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4523. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2003-04 Early Season" (RIN1018-AI93) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4524. 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; Texas; Revision to Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification" (FRL#7564-5) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4525. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Nonattainment as of November 15, 1999 and Reclassification of the Atlanta 1-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; State of Georgia" (FRL#7563-4) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4526. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL#7563-8) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4527. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL#7562-8) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4528. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-135-FOR) received on September 26, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4529. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—October 2003" (Rev. Rule 2003-107) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4530. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Depreciation Allowance" (RIN1545-BC19) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4531. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fringe Benefits Aircraft Valuation Formula" (Rev. Rul. 2003-89) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4532. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice" (Notice 2003-63) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4533. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—July 2003" (Rev. Rule 2003-103) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4534. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Obsolete Split Dollar Rulings" (Rev. Rule 2003-105) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4535. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Community Development Entity Loan Purchases" (Notice 2003-68) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4536. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investments Through Multiple Qualified Community Development Entities" (Notice 2003-64) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4537. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (RIN0960-AF95) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4538. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations 68 FR 49371" (44 CFR 67) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4539. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations 68 FR 49365" (44 CFR 65) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4540. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification of Rules Involving Functional Capacity Assessments; Clarification of Use of Vocational Experts and Other Sources at Step 4 of the Sequential Evaluation Process; Incorporation of "Special Profile" Into Regulations" (RIN0960-AF37) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4541. 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 and Medicaid Programs; Payments for Paid Feeding Assistants in Long Term Care Facilities (CMS-2131-f)" (RIN0938-AL04) received on September 26, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4542. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Preferential Treatment of Brassieres Under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act" (RIN1515-AD24) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report of a certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense

services in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more to Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4544. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4545. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4546. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Demonstration Programs—Model Demonstrations to Improve the Literacy and Employment Outcomes of Individuals with Disabilities" (RIN1820-ZA29) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4547. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a Report on the Community Services Block Grand Discretionary Activities: Community Economic Development Program projects funded during Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4548. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Selenium Yeast" (Doc. No. 1998F-0196) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4549. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seat Belts for Off-Road Work Machines and Wheeled Agricultural Tractors at Metal and Nonmetal Mines" (RIN1219-AA98) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4550. A communication from the Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Sanitary Toilets in Coal Mines" (RIN1219-AA98) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4551. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Demonstration Programs—Model Demonstration Programs—Mentoring for Transition-Age Youth and Young Adults With Disabilities" (RIN1820-ZA28) received on September 25, 2003.

EC-4552. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Sucrose Oligoesters" (Doc. No. 98F-0717) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4553. 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; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4554. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Speeding Appellate Review for Aging Veterans" (RIN2900-AL08) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4555. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice—Motions for Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error: Advancement on the Docket" (RIN2900-AJ85) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 861. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development (Rept. No. 108-158).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the "Compact of Free Association as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-159).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1690. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for integrated workforce training programs for adults with limited English proficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1691. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

S. 1692. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1693. A bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals receiving unemployment compensation to be eligible for a refundable, advanceable credit for health insurance costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1694. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. REID):

S. 1695. A bill to provide greater oversight over the USA PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1696. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. REED):

S. 1697. A bill to establish the elderly housing plus health support demonstration program to modernize public housing for elderly and disabled persons; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BOND, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1698. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1699. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to require parental consent for non-emergency intrusive physical examinations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1700. A bill to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collec-

tion and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 237. A resolution welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 139, a bill to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances that could be used interchangeably with passenger vehicle fuel economy standard credits, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 767

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 767, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.