

Mr. Hayes, 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. 54. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide reasonable standards for congressional gold medals, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 54. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide reasonable standards for congressional gold medals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban 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-228. A communication from the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitive sourcing initiatives; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-229. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Trade Commission Report under the FAIR Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-230. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Regulatory Status of National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations on 15-Passenger Van Safety, Medical Certification for Commercial Driver Licenses and Highway/Railroad Grade Crossing Safety to the Department of Transportation for the year ending December 6, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-231. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the State Barriers to Adopting and Implementing Programs Using Roadside Communications Systems for Alerts Regarding Recovery of Abducted Children; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-232. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Legislative Affairs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Activities Summary of Completed Competitions, the Fiscal Year 2004 Competitive Sourcing Activities Summary of Announced Competitions, and the Fiscal Year 2003 Competitive Sourcing Activities Summary Savings and Performance Update; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-233. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of commercial activities under the FAIR Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-234. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on Specialized Hauling Vehicle Study; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-235. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-236. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-237. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and a nomination confirmed in the position of Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-238. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted information, a vacancy, and the designation of acting officer for the position of Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-239. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-240. A communication from the Director, Office of 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 Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-241. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-242. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-243. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted information and a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-244. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Advisory Board Member, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-245. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Advisory Board Member, Saint Lawrence

Seaway Development Corporation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-246. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Advisory Board Member, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-247. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 2 regulations)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-248. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone: Cape Fear River, Eagle Island, North Carolina State Port Authority Terminal, Wilmington, North Carolina" (RIN1625-AA87) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-249. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Navigation Area, San Carlos Bay, Florida" (RIN1625-AA11) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-250. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone (including 2 regulations)" (RIN1625-AA87) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-251. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping and Transportation; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA03) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-252. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review and Approval Classification Societies" received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-253. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations" (RIN1625-AA09) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-254. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 5 regulations)" (RIN1625-AA09) received on December 17, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-255. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, United