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–1495. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevation Determination” (72 FR 14447) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–1496. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Electronic Stability Control” (RIN2127-A77) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1495. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Electronic Stability Control” (RIN2127-A77) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1495. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Upgrade Door Retention Performance” (RIN2127-A78) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1496. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New Car Assessment Program: Safety Labeling” (RIN2127-A76) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1497. 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; Phillippsburg, KS” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–15) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1498. 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; Thedford, NE” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–10) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1499. 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; Alliance, NE” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–15) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1500. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC–8–62, DC–8–63, DC–8–64” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–04) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1501. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Corporation Ltd. Model 760XL Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–09) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1502. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Co. Model C177B Airplanes; and Model C188 Aircraft” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 06–ACE–11) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–1505. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems Limited Model BAE 145 and Avro RJ100 Airplanes” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2006–NM–116) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1506. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Turbo- meca S.A. Arrius 2F TurboShark Engines” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2006–NE–31) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1507. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Empire Brasilera de Aeronautica S.A. Model ERL–170” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2006–NM–164) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–1511. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Approvals” (RIN2120-AA66)(Docket No. 2006–FA–322) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1512. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule...

EC–1513. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Human Space Flight Requirements for Crew and Space Flight Participants” ((RIN2120–A157)(Docket No. FAA–2005–23449)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1514. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Extended Operations of Multi-Engine Aircraft” ((RIN2120–A030)(Docket No. FAA–2002–6717)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1515. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety and Security Requirements for Launch” ((RIN2120–AG37)(Docket No. FAA–2000–7933)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1516. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of draft “National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended, and the NASA Flexibility Act of 2004 to provide NASA additional workforce flexibilities;” to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.


EC–1518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Cirrhalium hydrophilum var. microphyllum, Suisun Thistle and Cordyanthus mollis sp. mollis (soft bird’s beak)” (RIN0108–AU44) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1519. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest in Alaska: Harvest Regulations for Migratory Birds in Alaska for the 2007 Season” ((RIN2065–AU59) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC–1520. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Pilot Testing of Electronic Prescribing Standards—Cooperative Agreements”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1521. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulations: Application of Section 409A to Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans” ((RIN1545–D030)(Docket No. IR–2002–6717)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1522. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Automobile Depreciation Limits” (Rev. Proc. 2007–30) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “April–June 2007 Section 42 Bond Factor Amounts” (Rev. Rul. 2007–25) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision to Regulations Relating to Portfolio Interest” ((RIN1545–BF54)(TD9232)) received on April 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1525. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Mirror Legislation and the United Kingdom” (Uniform Issue List Number 1503.00–90) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1526. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Guidance Regarding the Application of Section 49A to Split-Dollar Insurance Arrangements” (Notice 2005–43) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1527. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Section 911 Waiver Rev. Proc.—2006 Update” (Rev. Proc. 2007–28) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1528. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Anti-Avoidance Regulations: Applicability of Nontransferable Tax Liability Following a Loss on Disposition of Stock of Consolidated Subsidiaries” ((RIN1545–BG26)(TD9232)) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC–1529. A communication from the President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the development and effects of the Corporation’s fiscal year 2006 projects; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–1530. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan’s participation in “Asian Security and Peace” (Docket No. 2005N–0448) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–1531. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Taiwan’s participation in the “Asian Security and Peace” (Docket No. 2005N–0448) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1532. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of a proposed exercise of the Federal Aviation Administration Operation Support Fund to the Peacekeeping Operations account to support security sector reform in Liberia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC–1533. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to Be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Vermont, North Dakota and New Hampshire” (19 CFR Part 123) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC–1535. A communication from the Interim Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payment Standards” (RIN0910–AF31) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–1536. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled “Dandruff, Seborrheic Dermatitis, and Psoriasis Drug Products Containing Coal Tar and Menthol for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Amendment to the Monograph” ((RIN0910–AF49)(Docket No. 2005N–0448)) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–1537. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, the report of a rule entitled “Blood Vessels Recovered With Organs and Intended for Use in Organ Transplantation” (Docket No. 2006N–0051) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–1538. A communication from the Chair, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Arts and Humanities Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC–1540. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information for Truck Carriers Required to Be Transmitted Through ACE Truck Manifest at Ports in the States of Vermont, North Dakota and New Hampshire” (19 CFR Part 123) received on April 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1541. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Federal Employees’ Benefits Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
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EC–152. A communication from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–16’’ (FAC 2005–16) received on April 12, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–154. A communication from the Chair, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Administrative Officer, Postal Regulatory Commission, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–156. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Idaho urging Congress to continue to work in cooperation and coordination with the state of Idaho, its counties, its school and highway districts, along with the recognized Indian tribes of the state of Idaho. The resolution directs the Secretary of the Interior to intercede with the National Forest Service and with the appropriate committee address National Forest System lands, but only those lands that do not have special designations. The resolution also directs the Secretary of the Interior to intercede with the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act.

Resolved, by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurred, that federal grants for line and equipment maintenance, grants that are not always guaranteed, to Norfolk Southern for the rail corridor from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo remains in place. Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines.

Whereas, the Norfolk Southern Corporation is considering the sale of its Michigan lines from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo and from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo. The Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo line carries the state’s busiest high-speed AMTRAK train, the Wolverine, and allows access to parts of the state from Detroit to Chicago. The Wolverine travels on the Norfolk Southern Railroad’s rail corridor from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo. The Wolverine is essential to the future development of this area. New industry, including coal energy, biomass plants, and heavy manufacturing is proposed for Michigan and specifically along the I-94 corridor located near the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo rail line. Continued operation of this line by Norfolk Southern is essential to expansion of new industry in this area. Over 150 railroad employees’ jobs are associated with the rail traffic along this line.

Whereas, Norfolk Southern is a Class One railroad operator, earning revenue of $20 million annually. As a Class One operator, Norfolk Southern has the capacity to maintain and promote the use of these lines. The proposed sale of the Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo lines would be a net loss to the state of Michigan. Continued operation of the Norfolk Southern Corporation is essential to the future development of this area. The Wolverine is essential to the future development of this area.

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