

H.R. 2359. An act to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns, and for other purposes.

#### 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-2316. A communication from the Publications Control Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Law Enforcement Reporting" (RIN0702-AA56) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2317. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Share Insurance Appeals; Clarification of Enforcement Authority of the NCUA Board" (12 CFR Parts 745 and 747) received on June 20, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2318. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2006 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, legislative proposals relative to the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and the NASA Transition Act of 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2320. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Progress of the Federal Government in Meeting the Renewable Energy Goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2321. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Cooperative Conservation Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2322. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Charlotte, Raleigh-Durham, and Winston-Salem Areas Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Clarification" (FRL No. 8328-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2323. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8135-5) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2324. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lactofen; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8132-9) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2325. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8133-6) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2326. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Acrylic and Modacrylic Fibers Production, Carbon Black Production, Chemical Manufacturing; Chromium Compounds, Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production and Fabrication, Lead Acid Battery Manufacturing, and Wood Preserving" ((RIN2060-AN44)(FRL No. 8330-1)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2327. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report of draft legislation entitled "Conservation Grant User Equity Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2328. 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 "Deemed IRAs in Governmental Plans/Qualified Nonbank Trustee Rules" ((RIN1545-BG46)(TD 9331)) received on June 19, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2329. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burmese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 537) received on June 18, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2330. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification regarding the proposed transfer of major defense equipment, including 15 F-5 A/B aircraft spare parts, valued at \$14,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2331. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2332. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of Gunner's Thermal Systems for Norway; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2333. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the transfer of defense articles, technical data, and defense services for the LITENING Advanced Targeting Pods in support of the Australian F/A-18 Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2334. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles and services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more for the manufacture of selected components, and the assembly of the Korean Electro-Optical Tracing System for use by the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2335. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report relative to the Presidential Determination that suspends certain limitations contained in the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2336. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report summarizing the Department's activities during fiscal year 2006 under the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2337. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2007 Annual Report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-138. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado concerning the 2007 Farm Bill, and, in connection therewith, continuing support for the Federal food stamp program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 07-003

Whereas, the provisions of the federal "Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002" (Farm Bill) that govern national food assistance programs are set to expire this year; and

Whereas, the Food Stamp Program (Program), our nation's first defense against hunger and a major component of the Farm Bill, bolsters the efforts of the national emergency food assistance system; and

Whereas, the Program is efficiently targeted to reach the urgent needs of people who have the most difficulty purchasing adequate food; and

Whereas, over 95% of benefits from the Program go to households with incomes below the poverty level, 80% of which benefits go to families with children, and nearly all of the remaining beneficiaries are elderly or disabled; and

Whereas, the error rates for overpayment and underpayment to beneficiaries under the Program have steadily declined for the last six years and are now at an all-time low; and

Whereas, the federal government fed some 26 million low-income people at a cost of \$31 billion, nearly double the federal expenditure for welfare cash assistance programs; and

Whereas, \$323 million in federal food stamp funds are currently received by Colorado, yet, if an additional 185,000 eligible individuals participated in the Program, as much as an additional \$158 million from federal funds would flow into the state; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that, for every \$5.00 in food stamp benefits, an additional \$9.20 is generated in local economic activity; and

Whereas, the Program pays dividends for low-income consumers, food producers and manufacturers, grocery retailers, and communities; and