

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOYER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3435. An act making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

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-2622. 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 "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions; Technical Amendment" ((RIN0579-AC78)(Docket No. APHIS-2006-0137)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2623. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium and Ammonium Naphthalenesulfonate Formaldehyde Condensates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8938-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2624. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Alkyl Naphtalenesulfonate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8428-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2625. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene monodi-sec-butylphenyl ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8429-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2626. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus thuringiensis CryIA.105 protein; Time Limited Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Correction" (FRL No. 8428-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2627. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amine Salts of Alkyl (C8-C24) Benzenesulfonic Acid (Dimethylaminopropyl-

amine, Isopropylamine, Mono-, Di-, and Tri-ethanolamine); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8430-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2628. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alkyl Alcohol Alkoxyates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance; (FRL No. 8430-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2629. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 108 Community Development Loan Guarantee Program; Participation of States as Borrowers Pursuant to Section 222 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009" (Docket No. 5326-I-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2630. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Classifications and Critical Capital Levels for the Federal Home Loan Banks" (RIN2590-AA21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2631. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affordable Housing Program Amendments: Federal Home Loan Bank Mortgage Refinancing Authority" (RIN2590-AA04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2632. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Enterprise Transition Affordable Housing Goals" (RIN2590-AA25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2633. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 8941-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2634. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revised Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for the York-Adams Counties 8-Hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 8941-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2635. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Revised Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 8-hour Ozone Maintenance Area" (FRL No. 8941-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 4, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-77. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging Congress to make eradication of the fever tick in South Texas a priority and continue to provide appropriate funding and resources for this effort; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

Whereas, south Texas is on the front line of the battle against the fever tick, a pest that threatens to inflict catastrophic losses on the beef industry should it continue to spread beyond a permanent quarantine zone established along the Rio Grande in 1943; and

Whereas, historically, the fever tick ranged across the entire southeastern United States, reaching as far north as Maryland and Pennsylvania; the tick can carry and transmit a parasite that causes cattle tick fever, which kills up to 90 percent of infected cattle; in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission was founded to fight this scourge, and in 1907 the United States Department of Agriculture established the National Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program; by then, the tick had already caused direct and indirect economic losses estimated to equal more than \$1 billion in today's dollars; and

Whereas, the eradication program had successfully contained the fever tick to an 852-square-mile quarantine zone by 1943; the tick was never eliminated in Mexico, however, and personnel from the USDA Tick Force have maintained a high level of vigilance to fight continuous reintroduction; after the pest was detected beyond the zone in 2007, five temporary preventive quarantine areas were established, covering more than one million acres in Starr, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit, and Webb Counties; and

Whereas, in March 2008, the Texas Department of Agriculture requested some \$13 million to fight the spread of fever ticks; the USDA released \$5.2 million, and in January 2009 it committed another \$4.9 million in emergency funds, but sustained funding over the long term is essential; moreover, the National Fever Tick Eradication Strategic Plan, developed and approved by the USDA in 2006, has never been implemented and funded, and Dr. Bob Hillman, the state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, has warned that fever ticks are a national livestock threat that requires an all-out assault; and

Whereas, the fever tick has gained substantial ground in this state, but the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal Health Commission, and the USDA Tick Force continue working diligently with cattle owners to save a key component of the Lone Star State's agricultural economy and prevent the battlefield from extending to other states; if the fever tick is not contained, the cost to the cattle industry could easily approach \$1 billion a year and lead to rising food costs for consumers; now, therefore, be it