

small businesses in the oversight, audits, and reports provided by the Special Inspector General, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3527. An act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limitations under the FHA mortgage insurance programs for multi-family housing projects with elevators and for extremely high-cost areas.

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

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 7:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1243. An act to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 511. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to terminate certain easements held by the Secretary on land owned by the Village of Caseyville, Illinois, and to terminate associated contractual arrangements with the Village; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 940. An act to provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 1002. An act to adjust the boundaries of Pisgah National Forest in McDowell County, North Carolina; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2947. An act to amend the Federal securities laws to make technical corrections and to make conforming amendments related to the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3137. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide clarification relating to the authority of the United States Postal Service to accept donations as an additional source of funding for commemorative plaques; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3146. An act to make improvements to the FHA mortgage insurance programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3175. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to Miami—Dade County certain federally owned land in Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 3179. An act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to require the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to include the effect of the Troubled Asset Relief Program on small businesses in the oversight, audits, and

reports provided by the Special Inspector General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3386. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3527. An act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limitations under the FHA mortgage insurance programs for multi-family housing projects with elevators and for extremely high-cost areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Experimental Forests and Ranges; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-2968. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "School Food Safety Inspections" (RIN0584-AD64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2969. 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 "Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8431-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2970. 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 "Ametryn, Amitraz, Ammonium Soap Salts of Higher Fatty Acids, Bitertanol, Copers, et al.; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8431-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2971. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8089)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2972. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 538) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2973. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-

mission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2974. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf—Technical Corrections" (RIN1010-AD52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2975. 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 "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Aluminum, Copper, and Other Non-ferrous Foundries—Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8954-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2976. 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 "EPAAR Prescription and Clauses—Government Property—Contract Property Administration" (FRL No. 8956-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2977. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2978. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Physician Group Practice Demonstration Evaluation Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2979. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2008 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2980. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2981. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C for Fiscal Years 2007 through 2009, as of March 31, 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2982. A communication from the Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to action on a nomination for the position of General Counsel, Federal Labor Relations Authority received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2983. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report of the Attorney General relative to Lobbying Disclosure Act enforcement actions taken for the period beginning on July 1, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2984. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Low Altitude Area Navigation Route (T-Route); Rockford, Illinois" (Docket No. FAA-2008-1114) (Airspace Docket No. 08-AGL-17)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2985. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Grand Prairie, Texas" ((RIN2120-AA66)(9-3/9-8/0363/ASW-11)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2986. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Arlington, Texas" ((RIN2120-AA66)(9-3/9-8/0362/ASW-10)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2987. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace and Amendment of Class E Airspace: North Bend, Oregon" ((RIN2120-AA66)(8-24/8-26/0006/ANM-1)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2988. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Quinhagak, Alaska" ((RIN2120-AA66)(9-3/9-3/0763/AAL-22)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2989. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Standards; Aircraft Engine Standards Overtorque Limits" (RIN2120-AJ06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2990. 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 (Operations) Limited Model BAe 146-100A and 146-200A Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-2/0432/NM-168)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2991. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations" [MB Docket No. 07-172] as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2992. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Batesville, Texas)" [MB Docket No. 08-227] received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2993. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services (Ann Arbor, Michigan)" [MB Docket No. 09-118] received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2994. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services (Hutchinson and Wichita, Kansas)" [MB Docket No. 09-129] received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2995. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Critical Habitat for Endangered Distinct Population Segment of Smallmouth Sawfish" (RIN0648-AV74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2996. A communication from the Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR): Eliminate the Social Security Number (SSN) as an Identification Number in the Automated Export System (AES)" (RIN0607-AA48) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2997. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Amendment Fee Rule" (RIN3084-AA98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2998. A communication from the Acting Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IP-Enabled Services" ((WC Docket No. 04-36)(FCC09-40)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2999. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Port Huron to Mackinac Island Sail Race" ((RIN1625-AA08)(Docket No. USG-2009-0659)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3000. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation, Fran Schnarr Open Water Championships, Huntington Bay, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USG-2009-0520)) as received during adjournment of the Sen-

ate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3001. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Naval Training August and September, San Clemente Island, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2009-0456)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 24, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3002. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; AVI September Fireworks Display, Colorado River, Laughlin, NV" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USG-2008-1262)) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3003. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747-100, -100B, -100B SUD, -200B, and -300 Series Airplanes; and Model 747SP and 747SR Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (ae //8-27/8-27/0477/NM-191)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3004. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-802 and AT-802A Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(8-27/8-27/0489/CE-025)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3005. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA), Model CN-235, CN-235-100, CN-235-200, and CN-235-300 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(8-27/8-27/0386/NM-184)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3006. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-6, PC-6-H1, PC-6-H2, PC-6/350, PC-6/350-H1, PC-6/350-H2, PC-6/A-H1, PC-6/A-H2, PC-6/B-H2, PC-6/B1-H2, PC-6/B2-H2, PC-6/B2-H4, PC-6/C-H2, and PC-6/C1-H2 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(8-27/8-27/0622/CE-034)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3007. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.27 Mark 050 and F.28 Mark 0100 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(8-27/8-27/0496/NM-139)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3008. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled “CFM International, S.A. CFM56-5B1/P; -5B2/P; -5B3/P; -5B3/P1; -5B4/P; -5B4/P1; -5B5/P; -5B6/P; -5B7/P; -5B8/P; 5B9/P; -5B1/3; -5B2/3; -5B3/3; -5B4/3; -5B5/3; -5B6/3; -5B7/3; -5B8/3; -5B9/3; -5B3/3B1; and -5B4/3B1 Turbopfan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(8-27/8-27/0174/NE-03)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3009. 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-8-400 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0526/NM-029)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3010. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0563/NM-180)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3011. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0515/NM-071)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3012. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc. (RR) RB211 Trent 900 Series Turbopfan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0771/NE-14)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3013. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-600, -700, -700C, -800, -900 and -900ER Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0212/NM-122)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3014. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707 Airplanes, and Model 720 and 720B Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0476/NM-188)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3015. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; ATR Model ATR42 and Model ATR72 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0786/NM-145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3016. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration,

Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-300, A340-200, and A340-300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0264/NM-174)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3017. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310-203, -204, -221, -222, -304, -322, -324, and -325 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0465/NM-244)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3018. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; 328 Support Services GmbH Dornier Model 328-100 and -300 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0522/NM-127)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3019. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2-1C, B2-203, B2K-3C, B4-103, B4-203, and B4-2C Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0397/NM-023)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3020. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes and Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-9/0381/NM-008)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3021. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300, -400, and -500 Series Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-8/0787/NM-090)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3022. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model AB412 and AB412EP Helicopters” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-4/0804/SW-56)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3023. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Models A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, Model A340-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, and Model A340-541 and -642 Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64)(9-10/9-3/0781/NM-111)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-78. A joint resolution adopted by the Alaska State Legislature urging the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas in August 2007, Russia sent two small submarines into the Arctic Ocean to plant that nation's flag under the North Pole to support its territorial claim that its continental shelf extends to the North Pole; and

Whereas Denmark is exploring whether a mountain range under the Arctic Ocean is connected to Greenland, a territory of Denmark; and

Whereas Canada is considering the establishment of military bases to protect its claim to the Northwest Passage; and

Whereas the actions taken by Russia, Denmark, and Canada have been exercised under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

Whereas the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea permits member nations to claim an exclusive economic zone out to 200 nautical miles from shore, with an exclusive sovereign right to explore, manage, and develop all living and nonliving resources, including deep sea mining, within that exclusive economic zone; and

Whereas the United States Arctic Research Commission estimates that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea would permit the United States to lay claim beyond the present 200-mile exclusive economic zone to an area of the northern seabed off Alaska that is equal in size to California; and

Whereas 155 nations have ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including all allies of the United States and the world's maritime powers; and

Whereas ratification of the current form of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea has been pending before the United States Senate since 1994, and hearings on the treaty were held by the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 1994, 2003, and 2004, and on September 27, 2007, and October 4, 2007; and

Whereas, despite favorable reports by the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in 2004 and 2007, the United States Senate has yet to vote on the ratification of the Convention; and

Whereas the United States, with 1,000 miles of Arctic coast off of the State of Alaska, remains the only Arctic nation that has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

Whereas, until the United States Senate votes to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United States may not have the authority to promote its claims to an extended area of the continental shelf, refute the claim of authority by other nations to exercise greater control over the Arctic, or take a permanent seat on the International Seabed Authority Council; and

Whereas, until the United States ratifies the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United States cannot participate in deliberations to amend provisions of the Convention that relate to the

(1) oil, gas, and mineral resources in the Arctic Ocean and other northern waters;

(2) conduct of essential scientific research in the world's oceans;