

H.R. 3598. An act to ensure consideration of water intensity in the Department of Energy's energy research, development, and demonstration programs to help guarantee efficient, reliable, and sustainable delivery of energy and water resources.

H.R. 3667. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida, as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building".

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:54 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 bills:

S. 1599. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws.

S. 1860. An act to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 3:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1422. An act to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3029. An act to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3598. An act to ensure consideration of water intensity in the Department of Energy's energy research, development, and demonstration programs to help guarantee efficient, reliable, and sustainable delivery of energy and water resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3667. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16555 Springs Street in White Springs, Florida as the "Clyde L. Hillhouse Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 2, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 1599. An act to amend title 36, United States Code, to include in the Federal charter of the Reserve Officers Association leadership positions newly added in its constitution and bylaws.

S. 1860. An act to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms.

#### 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-3779. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes to Handling Regulations" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0031; FV09-983-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3780. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Walnuts Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate and Changes to Regulations Governing Reporting and Recordkeeping" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0020; FV09-984-3 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3781. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0063; FV09-966-2 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3782. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, CA; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0045; FV09-987-2 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3783. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0044; FV09-959-2 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3784. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Order Amending Marketing Order No. 983" (Docket No. AO-FV-08-0147; Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0051; FV08-983-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3785. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-09-0038; FV09-922-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3786. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications for Food and Drug Administration Approval to Market a New Drug; Postmarketing Reports; Reporting Information About Authorized Generic Drugs" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0341) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3787. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Paracoccus Pigment" (Docket No. FDA-2007-C-0456) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3788. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Whistleblower Protections for Contractor Employees" (DFARS Case 2008-D012) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3789. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 128-09, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3790. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Maurice L. McFann, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3791. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs) Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the certification of protected documents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3792. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the quarterly reporting of withdrawals or diversions of equipment from Reserve component units; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3793. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Rules for Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations" (RIN3235-AK14) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3794. 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 "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations; Iranian Transactions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 538 and 560) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3795. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Fund Transfers" (Regulation E; Docket No. R-1343) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3796. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3797. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3798. A communication from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Annual Report for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3799. A communication from the Departmental Freedom of Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Freedom of Information Act Regulations" (RIN1090-AA61) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3800. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Sea Turtle Conservation" (RIN0648-AX20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3801. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Payment and Refund of Quarterly Harbor Maintenance Fees" (RIN1505-AB97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3802. 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 "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2009" (Rev. Rul. 2009-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3803. 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 "Coordinated Issue: Margins and Other Unsubstantiated Additions to Insurance Company Reserves for Unpaid Losses and Claims" (LMSB4-1109-041) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3804. 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 "Temporary Closing of the Determination Letter Program for Adopters of Pre-Approved Defined Benefit Plans" (Announcement 2009-85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3805. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2010 Limitations Adjusted As Provided in Section 415(d), etc." (Notice 2009-94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3806. 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 "Agreements for Payment of Tax Liabilities in Installments" ((RIN1545-AU97)(TD 9473)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3807. 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 "Notice: Tier 2 Tax Rates for 2010", received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3808. 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 "Notice Requirements for Certain Pension Plan Amendments Significantly Reducing the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual" ((RIN1545-BG48)(TD 9472)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3809. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case—Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0201-2009-0212); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3810. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3811. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and U.S. civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3812. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad relative to the manufacture of Propellant Actuated Devices (PAD) used on the Crew Escape System on the F-2 aircraft for end-use by Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3813. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed permanent export license for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, related to firearms relative to the sale of 4,000 Colt Defense LLC M4 Carbine Model R0977017, 5.6mm, 14.5" barrel, Safe/Semi/Full Auto Rifles for end use by the Government of Kuwait's National Guard in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3814. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed permanent export license for the export of defense articles, to include technical data, related to firearms rel-

ative to the sale of 252 sets of M60E4/Mk43 Mod 1 Machine Guns and basic accessories for end use by the Mexican Federal Police in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3815. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of more than \$14,000,000 for Chile; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3816. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of more than \$25,000,000 for the Kingdom of Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3817. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Arab Emirates relative to sale of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3818. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Canada relative to the design, manufacture, and delivery of the Telstar 14R Commercial Communication Satellite in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3819. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are controlled under Category VIII of the United States Munitions List relative to the transfer of 55-L-714A Engines and Tailpipe Kits for the CH-47 to support the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3820. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services relative to the design and manufacture of Troop Door Air Deflectors and Ramp Attached Torque Boxes for the C-17 Globemaster III for end use by the U.S. Air Force in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3821. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Canada relative to the sale of fifteen CH-47F Chinook Helicopters; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3822. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Human Services Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Provision of Services to Head Start Children with Disabilities"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3823. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operation, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investment Advice—Participants and Beneficiaries—Withdrawal of Final Rule" (RIN1210—AB13) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3824. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service and a nomination for the position; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3825. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Race to the Top Fund—Final Priorities, Definitions, and Selection Criteria" (RIN1810—AB07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 18, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3826. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operating Instructions for Implementing the Amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 Enacted by the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009" (TEGL No. 22-08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3827. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3828. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3829. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Financial Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3830. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the URL address for the Agency's Financial Report, Annual Performance Report, and Performance Highlight Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3831. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3832. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "As Supervisors Retire: An Opportunity to Reshape Organizations"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3833. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Fiscal Year 2009 Agency Financial Re-

port; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3834. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3835. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3836. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3837. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3838. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3839. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3840. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3841. A communication from the General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3842. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3843. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patents and Other Intellectual Property Rights" (RIN2700—AD45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3844. A communication from the Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions taken to ensure that audits are conducted of its programs and operations for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3845. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Train-

ing Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Aliens in the United States" (RIN1205—AB55) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3846. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1882); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3847. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1964); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3848. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1962); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3849. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of detainees (OSS Control No. 2009-1963); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3850. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule and Explanation and Justification for Campaign Travel" (Notice 2009-27) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-3851. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; Secondary Market First Lien Position 504 Loan Pool Guarantee" (RIN3245—AF90) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3852. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Surety Guarantees, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Surety Bond Guarantees; Size Standards" (RIN3245—AF94) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3853. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, HUBZone Program Office, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUBZone and Government Contracting" (RIN3245—AF44) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2009; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-3854. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance — Dependent Coverage" (RIN2900—AN39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.