

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4023. A bill to provide for the repeal of the Department of Defense policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

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-8453. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bulk Solid Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSB) Code" ((RIN1625-AB47) (Docket No. USCG-2009-0091)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8454. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Greenville Bridge Demolition, Lower Mississippi River Mile 531.3, AR, MS" ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0693)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8455. 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; Wrightsville Channel, Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0813)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8456. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Arkansas Waterway, Pine Bluff, AR" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0441)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8457. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Traffic Service Lower Mississippi River" ((RIN1625-AA58) (Docket No. USCG-1998-4399)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8458. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Passenger Vessels, Sector Southeastern New England Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0864)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8459. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Great Mississippi Balloon Race and Fireworks Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Marker 365.5 to Mile Marker 363, Natchez, MS" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0873)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8460. 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; Patuxent River, Solomons, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0383)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8461. 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; Monongahela River, Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0534)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8462. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; CLS Fall Championship Hydroplane Race, Lake Sammamish, WA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0842)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8463. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks for USS GRAVELY Commissioning Ceremony, Cape Fear River, Wilmington, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0917)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8464. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: Epic Roasthouse Private Party Firework Display, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0901)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8465. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zones; Temporary Change of Date for Recurring Fireworks Display within the Fifth Coast Guard District, Wrightsville Beach, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0927)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8466. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's sixth annual report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8467. 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 "Oregon; Correction of Federal Authorization of the State's Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9236-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8468. 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; Delaware; Limiting Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Portable Fuel Containers" (FRL No. 9237-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8469. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Fish and Wildlife Service on reasonably identifiable expenditures for the conservation of endangered and threatened species for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revision of U.S. Munitions List Category VII; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8471. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8472. A communication from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fiscal Year 2009 and Fourth Quarter 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8473. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments" (FAC 2005-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8474. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Limitation on Pass-Through Charges" (RIN9000-AL27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8475. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Uniform Suspension and Debarment Requirement" (RIN9000-AL75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2010; to the Committee on