

program unlawfully created by Executive memorandum on August 15, 2012.

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-6502. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coco alkyl dimethyl amines; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9911-54-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6503. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2015"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6504. A communication from the Acting 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 No. FEMA-2014-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6505. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6506. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2013 management report and statement on the system of internal controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6507. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Water Heaters" (RIN1904-AC53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6508. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reliability Standard for Geomagnetic Disturbance Operations" (RIN1902-AE80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6509. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Control of Visible Emissions, Record Keeping and Monitoring" (A-1-FRL-9910-12-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6510. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air

Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9913-62-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2008 Lead NAAQS" (FRL No. 9913-59-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6512. A communication from the Acting Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Treatment of Non-Safety Systems for Passive Advanced Light Water Reactors" (NRC-2014-0000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6513. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Joseph E. Martz, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6514. A communication from the General Counsel, Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the establishment of the danger pay allowance for Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6516. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6517. A communication from the Director of External Affairs, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aged Beneficiary Designation Forms" (5 CFR Part 1651) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6518. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's fiscal year 2013 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6519. 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; United States and Canadian Military Exercise Jump Training, Lake Erie, Hamburg, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0260)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6520. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Meridian Health Fireworks, Navesink River, Rumson, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0353)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6521. 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; Fourth of July Fireworks Displays within the Captain of the Port Charleston Zone, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0471)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6522. 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; Independence Day Celebration Fireworks, Lake Ontario, Oswego, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0473)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6523. 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; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Zone Buffalo" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0081)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6524. 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; Freeport Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display, South Oyster Bay, Freeport, NY" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0240)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6525. 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: San Francisco Independence Day Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0283)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6526. 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; Fireworks Displays in Captain of the Port Puget Sound Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0485)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6527. 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; City of Menominee Fireworks; Green Bay, Menominee, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0539)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6528. 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, Atlantic Ocean; Ocean City, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-

2014-0494) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6529. 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; Swim Around Charleston, Charleston, SC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0160)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6530. 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, Delaware River; Chester, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0511)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6531. 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; Summer Fireworks Displays in the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0476)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6532. 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, Metedeconk River; Brick Township, NJ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0522)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6533. 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; Bullhead City River Regatta; Bullhead City, AZ" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0359)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6534. 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; Water Ski Show, Fox River, Green Bay, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0536)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6535. 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; Monongahela River; Pittsburgh, PA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0377)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6536. 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; Beaufort Water Festival, Beaufort, SC" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0005)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6537. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursu-

ant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Tennessee River, Miles 255.0 to 256.5, Florence, AL" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0753)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6538. 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; Tennessee River, Mile 256.0 to 257.5, Florence, TN" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2014-0277)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6539. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Arrival Exception" ((RIN1625-AC12) (Docket No. USCG-2013-0797)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6540. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #9" (RIN0648-XD329) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6541. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery and Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 25" (RIN0648-BE07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6542. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Signal Systems Reporting Requirements" (RIN2130-AC44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vehicle/Track Interaction Safety Standards; High-Speed and High Cant Deficiency Operations" (RIN2130-AC09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6544. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Compatibility with the Regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency (RRR)" (RIN2137-AE38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2014; 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-312. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the Congress of the United States to support legislation reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Whereas, The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) is the official export credit agency of the United States and exists for the purposes of financing and insuring foreign purchases of United States goods for customers unable or unwilling to accept the credit risk; and

Whereas, The mission of the Ex-Im is to create and sustain United States jobs by financing sales of United States exports to international buyers; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im is the principal government agency responsible for aiding the export of American goods and services, and thereby creating and sustaining United States jobs, through a variety of loan, guarantee, and insurance programs for small and large businesses; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im has supported more than \$400 billion in United States exports in the past 70 years and helps to cover critical trade finance gaps by providing loan guarantees, export credit insurance, and direct loans for United States exports in developing markets where commercial bank financing is unavailable or insufficient. In Fiscal Year 2012, Ex-Im financing of United States exports exceeded \$35 billion, assisting more than 3,400 United States companies and supporting approximately 255,000 export-related American jobs; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im is a self-sustaining agency, which operates at no cost to the taxpayer and, between the 2008-09 to 2011-12 fiscal years, inclusive, the Ex-Im has generated \$1.6 billion in excess revenue for United States taxpayers; and

Whereas, The Ex-Im enables United States companies large and small to turn export opportunities into sales that help to maintain and create in the United States jobs and contribute to a stronger national economy. On average, more than 85 percent of the Ex-Im's transactions support United States small businesses; and

Whereas, Exports are particularly important to the California economy as California is currently ranked second in exports among all states. If California's manufacturing base is to grow, we must continue to expand our ability to export goods from California facilities. Given the key role the Ex-Im plays in facilitating export sales, failure to reauthorize it would be devastating to existing industry and to those that we hope to create in the future; and

Whereas, Over the past five years, the Ex-Im has assisted more than 900 California companies to export their products. Nearly 200 of those companies are women or minority owned and 668 are small businesses. These companies export their products and services around the globe totaling more than \$19 billion in sales. Fifty-two of the 53 congressional districts in California had companies benefit from the Ex-Im loans; and

Whereas, A reauthorization of the Ex-Im is critical to the ability of many United States exporters to compete on a level playing field in a commercial market where current and future competitors continue to enjoy aggressive support from their countries' export credit agencies; and

Whereas, A failure to reauthorize the Ex-Im would amount to unilateral disarmament in the face of other nations' aggressive trade finance programs that favor their domestic companies over American companies; and

Whereas, Economic growth depends on increasing exports from both small and large