pursuant to a law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate on April 18, 2017, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1361. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President on April 18, 2017, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1382. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President on April 18, 2017, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1383. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President on April 18, 2017, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1384. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President on April 18, 2017, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM–16. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Congress of the United States, to be transmitted to the President.

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Adoption, Resolution

Resolved, that this application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

Resolved, that the Legislative Assembly adopts this application expressly subject to the following reservations, understandings, and declarations:

1. An application to the Congress of the United States pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution confers no power to Congress other than the power to call such a convention. The power of Congress for proposing amendments consists solely of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of a convention.

2. Congress shall perform its ministerial duty of calling an amendment convention of the states only upon the receipt of applications from the legislatures of the substantially same purpose as this application from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states:

3. Congress does not have the power or authority to determine any rules for the governing of a convention for proposing amendments called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. Congress does not have the power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any state to such a convention, nor does it have the power to name the delegates to such a convention. The power to name delegates remains exclusively within the authority of the legislative bodies of the several states:

4. By definition, an amendment convention of the states means that states shall vote on the basis of one state, one vote:

A convention for proposing amendments convened pursuant to this application must be limited to consideration of the topics specified herein and no other. This application is made with the understanding that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend, modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights is not authorized for consideration at any stage. This application is void ab initio if ever used at any stage to consider any change to any provision of the Bill of Rights.

7. The Legislative Assembly may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of any of the instructions provided; and be it further

Resolved, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress, each member of the United States Congressional Delegation from North Dakota, and the presiding officers of each house of the legislatures of the several states, requesting their cooperation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: