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Senate

The 6th day of January being the day prescribed by House Joint Resolution 138 for the meeting of the 1st session of the 106th Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol, at 12:04 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, recapture our minds, rivet our attention, galvanize our wills. You alone are Sovereign of this land and demand our indefatigable loyalty; You are our Lord and require our obedience. This is an awesome moment of encounter with You for the Senators-elect who will make an unreserved commitment to You, to our beloved Nation, and to our cherished Constitution. Give them a vision of their greatness as leaders of this Nation that You had in mind when You first thought of them before they were born. Thank You for the families who nurtured them, the mentors who sculpted their characters, the loved ones who now sustain and encourage them. They are here by Your choice and are ultimately accountable to You for how they lead this Nation under Your guidance. May the vows they take and the immense responsibilities they assume bring them to profound humility and an unreserved openness to You. Save them from the seduction of human power by the steady flow of Your power; free them from any addiction to popularity by the reminder that You only must be pleased; and replace any aggrandizement of pride with an aggregate of praise for You and the privilege of being servant leaders. In the pressures, keep their priorities straight: You and their families, first; the good of the Nation, second; consensus around truth, third; party loyalties, fourth; and, last of all, personal success.

And now, gracious God, we claim Your faithfulness for the Senators-elect and for all the Senators. May the

soul-sized issues before them bring them to deeper prayer than ever before. Anoint their minds with Your Spirit, guide them to creative solutions, grant them Your supernatural power for facing this challenging hour. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the credentials of 34 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 1999.

All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the above-mentioned certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

The documents ordered to be printed in the RECORD are as follows:

STATE OF INDIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

Be it known by these presents:

Whereas, according to certified statements submitted by the Circuit Court Clerks of the several counties to the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana, and based upon a tabulation of those statements performed by the Election Division, the canvass prepared by the Election Division states that at the General Election conducted on the third day of November, 1998, the electors chose Evan Bayh to serve the People of the State of Indiana as United States Senator from Indiana.

Now, therefore, in the name of and by the authority of the State of Indiana, I certify the following in accordance with title 2 United States Code Section 1:

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Evan Bayh was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Frank O'Bannon, and our seal hereto affixed

at Indianapolis, this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998,

By the Governor:

FRANK O'BANNON,
Governor.

STATE OF UTAH

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Robert F. Bennett was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

By the Governor:

MICHAEL O. LEAVITT,
Governor.

STATE OF MISSOURI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Christopher (Kit) Bond was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from the State of Missouri to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mel Carnahan, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

MEL CARNAHAN,
Governor.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Barbara Boxer was duly chosen

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by the qualified electors of the State of California a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of December 1998.

By the Governor:

PETE WILSON,
Governor.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, on the 3rd day of November, 1998, JOHN B. BREAUUX was elected by the qualified electors of the state of Louisiana a Senator to represent the state of Louisiana in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999. The votes cast, 620,502 for John B. Breauux (Democrat), 12,203 for Raymond Brown (Other), 3,227 for Jeffrey R. Diket (Other), 306,616 for "Jim" Donelon (Republican), 6,366 for L.D. "Nota" Knox, Sr. (Other), 9,893 for Sam Houston Melton, Jr. (Democrat), 2,394 for Martin A. Rosenthal (Other), and 7,964 for Darryl Paul Ward (Republican), are on file and of record in the office of the Secretary of State of Louisiana.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 19th day of November, 1998.

By the Governor:

M.J. FOSTER,
Governor.

STATE OF KANSAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, Sam Brownback was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Kansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Graves, and our seal hereto affixed at Topeka this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

BILL GRAVES,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

To all to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting: Know Ye, That Honorable Jim Bunning having been duly certified, that on November 3, 1998, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Kentucky a Senator from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 1999.

I hereby invest the above named with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same, with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the

Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the 1st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight and in the 207th year of the Commonwealth.

By the Governor:

PAUL E. PATTON
Governor.

STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Ben Nighthorse Campbell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Colorado a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the 3rd day of January 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Roy Romer, and our seal hereto affixed at the City and County of Denver this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

ROY ROMER,
Governor.

STATE OF GEORGIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Paul Coverdell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Georgia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Zell Miller, and our seal hereto affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this third day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

ZELL MILLER,
Governor.

STATE OF IDAHO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Mike Crapo was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Idaho a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor Philip E. Batt, and our seal hereto affixed at Boise this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

PHILIP E. BATT,
Governor.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

This is to certify, That on the third day of November, 1998, at a general election Tom Daschle was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of South Dakota to the office of United States Senator for the term of six years, beginning the third day of January, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at Pierre, the Capital, this 16th day of November—nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW,
Governor.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to Certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Christopher J. Dodd was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, John G. Rowland and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

JOHN G. ROWLAND,
Governor.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

At North Dakota's General Election held on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Byron L. Dorgan was elected to the United States Senate from the State of North Dakota. The term of office is 6 years and begins at noon on the 3rd day of January in the year 1999 and continues until a successor is elected and duly qualified.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands at the Capitol in the City of Bismarck this 1st day of December, 1998, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

By the Governor:

EDWARD T. SCHAFER,
Governor.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, John Edwards was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Carolina a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Raleigh the 2nd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

JAMES B. HUNT, JR.,
Governor.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, UNITED STATES
SENATOR, NOVEMBER 3, 1998
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998 Russ Feingold was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this tenth day of December in the year of one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

TOMMY G. THOMPSON,
Governor.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-eight,

Peter G. Fitzgerald was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Illinois, a Senator from said State, to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred ninety-nine.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Jim Edgar, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Springfield this twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

JIM EDGAR,
Governor.

STATE OF FLORIDA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the Third day of November, 1998, Bob Graham was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Lawton Chiles, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, this Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

LAWTON CHILES,
Governor.

STATE OF IOWA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Charles Grassley was duly chosen, by the qualified electors of the State of Iowa, a Senator from said State to represent Iowa in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 30th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, Judd Gregg, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Hampshire a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Witness: Her Excellency, Governor Jeanne Shaheen and the Seal of the State of New Hampshire hereto affixed at Concord, this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor, with advice of the Council:

JEANNE SHAHEEN,
Governor.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings was duly chosen by the qualified elec-

tors of the State of South Carolina a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, David M. Beasley, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbia, South Carolina this nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

DAVID M. BEASLEY,
Governor.

STATE OF HAWAII

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Daniel K. Inouye was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Benjamin J. Cayetano and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 23rd day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO,
Governor.

STATE OF VERMONT

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Patrick Leahy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Howard Dean, and our seal hereto affixed at this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

HOWARD DEAN,
Governor.

STATE OF ARKANSAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Blanche Lambert Lincoln was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arkansas a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Mike Huckabee, and our seal hereto affixed at Little Rock, Arkansas, this 25th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the governor:

MIKE HUCKABEE,
Governor.

STATE OF ARIZONA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November 1998, John McCain was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd Day of January 1999.

Witness: Her excellency the Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 23rd day of November 1998.

JANE DEE HULL,
Governor.

STATE OF MARYLAND

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Barbara A. Mikulski was duly chosen by the qualified voters of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Parris Glendening, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 30th day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight.

PARRIS N. GLENDENING
Governor.

STATE OF ALASKA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that in an election held on the 3rd day of November, 1998 and certified on the 1st day of December, 1998, Frank H. Murkowski (R) was duly elected by the qualified voters of the State of Alaska to serve as Senator from Alaska to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tony Knowles, and the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, are affixed hereto this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 1998.

TONY KNOWLES,
Governor.

STATE OF WASHINGTON

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Patty Murray was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Washington a SENATOR from said state to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this third day of December, A.D., nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

GARY LOCKE,
Governor.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Don Nickles was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oklahoma a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Frank Keating and our seal hereto affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord 1998.

By the Governor:

FRANK KEATING,
Governor.

STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the

third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight Harry Reid was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nevada a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Bob Miller, and our seal hereto affixed at Carson City this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

BOB MILLER,
Governor.

STATE OF NEW YORK

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, Charles E. Schumer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Witness: His excellency our Governor George E. Pataki, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this sixteenth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By the Governor:

GEORGE E. PATAKI,
Governor.

STATE OF ALABAMA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, the Honorable Richard Shelby was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Alabama a Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January 1999.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Alabama, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

FOB JAMES, Jr.,
Governor.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the third day of November, 1998, Arlen Specter was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Thomas J. Ridge, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1998.

By the Governor:

THOMAS J. RIDGE,
Governor.

STATE OF OHIO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

To the Clerk of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, George V. Voinovich was duly elected by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio as the Senator to Congress from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 1999.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of

the State of Ohio, to be hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 14th day of December, 1998.

By the Governor:

GEORGE V. VOINOVICH,
Governor.

STATE OF OREGON

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM
To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of November, 1998, Ron Wyden was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Oregon a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 1999.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, John Kitzhaber, and our seal hereto affixed at Salem, Oregon this 3rd day of December, 1998.

By the Governor:

JOHN A. KITZHABER,
Governor.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn will now present themselves at the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer their oaths of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, and Mrs. BOXER.

These Senators, escorted by Senators LUGAR, HATCH, ASHCROFT, and FEINSTEIN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. CAMPBELL.

These Senators, escorted by Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. ALLARD, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DODD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CLELAND, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. FITZGERALD.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DURBIN, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. HOLLINGS.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. MACK, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. THURMOND, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. MCCAIN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. AKAKA, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. KYL, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. NICKLES.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. SARBANES, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. INHOFE, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the next group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. SPECTER.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. BRYAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SANTORUM, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was

administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the final group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. VOINOVICH and Mr. WYDEN.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. DEWINE and Mr. SMITH of Oregon, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President, the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President, and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, on behalf of the Senate, I extend congratulations to all of the newly-elected Members of the Senate.

CALL OF THE ROLL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll, and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 1]

Abraham	Edwards	Lugar
Akaka	Enzi	Mack
Allard	Feingold	McCain
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McConnell
Baucus	Fitzgerald	Mikulski
Bayh	Frist	Moynihan
Bennett	Gorton	Murkowski
Biden	Graham	Murray
Bingaman	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grassley	Reed
Boxer	Gregg	Reid
Breaux	Hagel	Robb
Brownback	Harkin	Roberts
Bryan	Hatch	Santorum
Bunning	Helms	Sarbanes
Burns	Hollings	Schumer
Byrd	Hutchinson	Sessions
Campbell	Hutchison	Shelby
Chafee	Inhofe	Smith (NH)
Cleland	Inouye	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Collins	Johnson	Specter
Conrad	Kennedy	Stevens
Coverdell	Kerry	Thomas
Craig	Kyl	Thompson
Crapo	Landrieu	Thurmond
Daschle	Lautenberg	Torricelli
DeWine	Leahy	Voinovich
Dodd	Levin	Warner
Domenici	Lieberman	Wellstone
Dorgan	Lincoln	Wyden
Durbin	Lott	

The VICE PRESIDENT. A quorum is present.

The majority leader is recognized.

INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the

House that a quorum is present, and I ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 1), informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request of the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 1) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk creating a subcommittee consisting of two Senators to notify the President that a quorum of each House is assembled and ask that it be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, may we have order in the Senate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. The Senate is transacting business.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate will be in order. Senators will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom. Senators will cease audible conversation. Senators in the well to the right of the Chair will take their seats or retire to the cloakroom.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 2) informing the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If there is no objection to the request by the majority leader, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 2) reads as follows:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 2, the Chair appoints the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT, and the Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, as a committee

to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum so that the leaders will be able to notify the President we are in session as required by the resolution.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE and I have notified the President that a quorum is present and the Senate is ready to proceed with business.

HOOR OF DAILY MEETING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I, therefore, now send a resolution to the desk fixing the daily meeting of the Senate at 12 noon, and ask for that resolution to be reported by title, agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 3), fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 3) was considered and agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENTS EN BLOC—STANDING ORDERS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the following unanimous consent requests are those of the standing orders—for example, setting the leader's time each day—which are obtained at the beginning of each Congress, which govern the day-to-day activity. As in the past, these consents have been cleared by the Democratic leader. Therefore, I send to the desk 11 unanimous consent

requests and ask for their immediate consideration en bloc, that the requests be agreed to en bloc, and that the various consents be shown separately in the RECORD.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR 15-MINUTE ROLLCALL VOTES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO RECEIVE REPORTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR PROVISION OF LEADERSHIP TIME

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or approval of, the Journal.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR FLOOR PRIVILEGES TO HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his four assistants be given the privilege of the floor during the 106th Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER CONCERNING PRINTING OF CONFERENCE REPORTS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR ACTION BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 106th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriation bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposes amendments shall be printed.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR SECRETARY OF THE SENATE TO MAKE CERTAIN CORRECTIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 106th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossment of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS BY OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR GRANTING OF FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant at Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STANDING ORDER FOR REFERRAL OF TREATIES AND NOMINATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 106th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CHANGING SENATE RULES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as all Members are aware, I have been working for some time on various rules changes that would ensure a more efficient process by which the Senate considers appropriations bills. One of our concerns has been reinstating rule XVI with respect to legislation on appropriations bills. I believe that many of the extraneous items that have been added to appropriations bills over the past few Congress would have been ruled out of order if the Senate still had the ability to raise a point of order against legislation on appropriations bills formerly contained in rule XVI.

Other rule abuses occurred during the closing days of the 105th Congress. Consequently, I will shortly introduce five Senate resolutions regarding rules and budget process changes and will ask for their proper referral. Once the resolutions have been referred to the appropriate committee, it is my hope the chairmen of the committees will begin swift committee work on the resolutions so the committees can act on the changes as early as possible in the 106th Congress. I urge Senators to consider these resolutions and hope when the Senate votes on these measures they will receive huge bipartisan votes.

ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION AND STATEMENTS ON JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on January 19, 1999, all Senators be permitted to introduce legislation and read or submit accompanying statements for the RECORD. This would represent the first day that legislation can be introduced in the 106th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL OF S. RES. 4, S. RES. 5, S. RES. 6, S. RES. 7, AND S. RES. 8

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send five Senate resolutions to the desk and ask that they be appropriately referred en bloc and that they appear as introduced separately in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. They are: A Senate resolution regarding the rule XVI change, legislation on appropriations bills; a Senate resolution regarding procedures in the Senate for consideration of emergency legislation; a Senate resolution regarding budget process reforms; a Senate resolution regarding extending the Special Committee of the Year 2000; and a Senate resolution regarding rules changes to general appropriations bills.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The texts of the resolutions are located in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO THE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, during the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, the Senate limited access to the Senate wing of the Capitol, the Senate floor, and the Senate galleries to those with official business and those with tickets to the proceedings.

Over the Christmas holidays, staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, including the Parliamentarian, legislative clerk and others, and staff of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and others, have reviewed the historical precedents but also considered what we could do to facilitate the public's access to the proceedings while taking into account contemporary security requirements and the flow of business here in the Chamber. Staff have recommended some restrictions to the access of the Senate wing, floor, and galleries coupled with a ticketing system that will make as many seats in the gallery available to the public and others as is possible for us to do.

Accordingly, in a few minutes I will ask unanimous consent be given to a set of policies that reflect the staff recommendations which will confine access to the Senate floor and galleries and to the second and third floors of the Senate wing of the Capitol during the consideration of the articles of impeachment and at all times the Chief Justice is presiding.

I thank the distinguished Democratic leader for his efforts and his cooperation in this matter. We have been very careful to make sure we reviewed all the precedents, all the rules; that he has had a chance to check off on these rules, as I have. And I wish to thank all staff who researched the precedent and evaluated current conditions to develop these recommendations. Before

seeking unanimous consent, however, I will now yield to the assistant Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The assistant Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate the statement of the majority leader. He has been very gracious in reaching out to this side of the aisle on the standards that are going to be initiated and actually used during the impeachment proceedings. I think that the Secretary of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms did an excellent job today of explaining to the Democratic caucus the procedures. I think there was general agreement that they were favorable and would certainly make the process here one of which we could all be proud.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—SENATE ACCESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that access to the Senate wing, the Senate floor, and the Senate Chamber galleries, during all proceedings involving the exhibition or consideration of the articles of impeachment of the President of the United States, and all times that the Senate is sitting for trial with the Chief Justice of the United States presiding, be in accordance with the allocations and provisions on the documents I now send to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The documents follow:

ENFORCEMENT OF SENATE RULE XXIII— SENATE FLOOR ACCESS

Rule XXIII.—Persons with privileges under Senate Rule XXIII shall access the Senate floor through the cloakrooms only and such access will be limited to the number of vacant seats available on the Senate floor based on protocol considerations enforced by the Secretaries for the Majority and Minority and the Sergeant at Arms. All persons with access to the Senate floor will remain seated at all times.

Staff Access.—Access to the floor will be strictly limited to those having official impeachment proceedings duties, using the guidelines below:

Majority and Minority leaders will be limited to not more than three assistants each. Majority and Minority Whips will be limited to not more than two each.

Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, and Secretaries for majority and minority will be limited to themselves or designated replacement.

Legal Counsel, Deputy Legal Counsel, and Counsel for the Secretary and Sergeant at Arms will have access on an as-needed basis. Pages will be appropriately limited.

Cloakroom staff will be permitted as needed, under supervision of secretaries for the majority or minority, as appropriate.

The Secretary of the Senate's legislative staff will be permitted as needed, under supervision of the Secretary.

Doorkeepers will be permitted as needed, under the supervision of the Sergeant at Arms.

Committee and Member Staff.—Committee and Member Staff will not be permitted on the Senate floor other than as noted above. Accordingly, all messages to Members will

be processed in the regular manner, i.e., through the party cloakrooms or the reception room message desk.

Sergeant at Arms.—The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the above provisions and take such other actions as necessary to fulfill his responsibilities.

EXTENDING PRIVILEGES OF FLOOR ACCESS

In addition to persons with privileges under Senate Rule XXIII, the following shall be admitted to the floor of the Senate while the Senate is sitting for impeachment proceedings;

Not more than two assistants to the Chief Justice.

Assistants to the House Managers.

Counsel and assistants to counsel for the President of the United States.

TICKET ALLOCATIONS AND RELATED PROVISIONS

300 daily tickets; 3 for each Senator.

50 seats reserved daily for the public through established tour procedures using regular gallery passes.

100 permanent numbered tickets; 1 for each Senator, for seating in the family section (enlarged to 100 seats by the Sergeant at Arms) and which may be used on any day and by anyone holding such ticket.

30 daily tickets; 10 each for the Majority and Minority Leaders; 5 each for the Majority and Minority Whips.

20 daily tickets for the White House.

20 tickets for the House of Representatives.

19 daily tickets for diplomats, for use only in the diplomatic gallery.

3 daily tickets for the President of the Senate, for use only in the diplomatic gallery.

9 daily tickets for the Supreme Court.

Press Galleries.—The press galleries shall remain open and available for members of the press under established procedures.

Diplomatic Gallery.—The diplomatic gallery shall remain open and available for diplomatic personnel and guests of the President of the Senate with appropriate tickets, as noted above.

Family Gallery.—The family gallery shall remain open and available for persons holding a permanent ticket as noted above, and such gallery shall be augmented by additional seats located adjacent to the family gallery, so that a total of 100 seats are reserved for persons holding a permanent ticket.

Public Seating.—The Sergeant at Arms shall designate and reserve 50 seats in the Senate Chamber galleries, outside the family and press galleries, for members of the public holding regular gallery passes. All other gallery seats shall be available for persons with daily tickets, except that the Sergeant at Arms shall, in addition to seating the general public in the seats reserved for that purpose, seat the general public holding regular gallery passes in any vacant seats outside the family and press galleries, with the understanding that such members of the general public are subject to being displaced by a permanent ticket holder at the request of the Sergeant at Arms or a member of his staff designated to perform such duties.

Senate Staff.—Senate staff may be seated in any open seat in the family seating area, and will be subject to being displaced by a permanent ticket holder at the request of the Sergeant at Arms or a member of his staff designated to perform such duties.

Printing of the Rules.—The rules of the galleries shall be printed on all tickets.

Sergeant at Arms.—The Sergeant at Arms shall ensure timely and appropriate distribution of all tickets and take such other actions as necessary to fulfill his responsibilities.

ACCESS TO THE SENATE WING OF THE CAPITOL

2nd & 3rd floors.—Access to the second and third floors of the Senate Wing of the Capitol shall be limited to Senators, Senate staff with appropriate Senate identification cards, press with appropriate credentials, Architect of the Capitol staff as necessary, those with Senate Rule XXIII privileges, those with special gallery tickets, those with regular Senate Gallery tickets when the bearer is admitted through tour lines, and anyone with official business related to the impeachment trial.

Architect of the Capitol.—The Architect of the Capitol shall advise the Sergeant at Arms of all Architect staff who require access to the Senate Wing.

Sergeant at Arms.—The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the above provisions and take such other actions as necessary to fulfill his responsibilities.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand that many Members will want to comment on the impeachment proceedings in the Senate. Others will want to comment on the fact that this is their first day as Senators, and perhaps even discuss what they hope to achieve in the year ahead. Others will want to talk about agenda items. With that in mind, I ask unanimous consent that the next 2 hours be equally divided between the two leaders, or their designees, for statements only regarding impeachment or other general business of their desire, and following that period, the majority leader, or his designee, be recognized by the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

Mr. LOTT. I will be glad to yield to the assistant Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding both the majority and Democratic leaders are going to make statements regarding impeachment and that will be in addition to this time, is that right?

Mr. LOTT. We would have the leaders' time. Certainly we would both want to accommodate the other in any parameters we would want to outline today.

Mr. REID. There is no objection to the consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I believe the President has some appointments to be read by the Chair?

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, reappoints Thomas B. Griffith as Senate Legal Counsel, effective January 3, 1999, for a term of service to expire at the end of the 107th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appoints Morgan J. Frankel as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel, effective

as of January 3, 1999, for a term of service to expire at the end of the 107th Congress.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send two resolutions to the desk appointing the Senate legal counsel and deputy legal counsel and ask they be considered en bloc and agreed to en bloc and they be printed in the RECORD separately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the first resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 9) to make effective reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel.

The resolution was considered and agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the reappointment of Thomas B. Griffith to be Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 1999, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the second resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 10) to make effective reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

The resolution was considered and agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 10

Resolved, That the reappointment of Morgan J. Frankel to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 1999, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

A SENSE OF HOPE AND OPTIMISM

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, for those of us granted the rare privilege of representing our citizens as United States Senators, the convening of a new Congress is a moment filled with hope and optimism. I know this is a sentiment shared by my colleagues who have served here together for

many years; I am equally certain it is a feeling in the heart of every new member whom we welcome into the Chamber today.

We all choose to enter public service in the belief that small differences made every day somehow contribute in large measure to the betterment of our national life. For me, this has always been a day that represented great promise and potential.

And despite the difficult circumstances that confront us on the first day of the 106th Congress, I choose to face the grim task of the impeachment proceedings with a sense of hope and optimism, too.

It is my sincere hope that we can continue to be guided in the Senate by a completely nonpartisan approach to our responsibilities—and I pledge the cooperation of the entire Democratic caucus in that effort. We remain optimistic that Republicans and Democrats in the Senate can come together on a sensible plan that adheres to the principles of fairness, expedition and due process.

The promise of bipartisan consensus is within our grasp. If we succeed in coming to closure on an acceptable resolution to govern these proceedings, then we have the potential for not only ending this unfortunate episode, but for laying a foundation for rebuilding a working coalition to address the critical policy issues that so demand our absolute attention.

But to complete the work at hand, we must first set some things aside. We must set aside our partisan instincts. We should reject any notion of political advantage in this process, and act solely in the national interest.

We must set aside feelings of grave disappointment and anger directed at the President for his actions. We must also set aside the resentment many feel over the manner and method of the long investigation that begat these articles of impeachment.

Regrettably, we must also set aside—until this matter is resolved—important legislative work on matters like education, health care, Medicare and Social Security. This, in and of itself, should serve to motivate us to proceed with deliberate dispatch on these articles, accepting not even a day's delay in the coming trial.

And finally, we should set aside the rancor and recriminations that have marked these sad deliberations, and rise to a level of dignity and decency that will be judged favorably in history's long light.

But we will not set aside our responsibility. We will not defer our duty.

Make no mistake: Senate Democrats will follow the Constitution. We intend to abide by the Senate's procedures. We will respect past precedents. We will duly consider these articles. We will insist on fair treatment of the President. And we will hear the evidence presented by the House Republicans who have made these charges.

But we should not put process ahead of progress in this matter. We must

find a way to resolve this, and move forward.

The United States Constitution is a document that continues to reveal an uncanny resiliency after two centuries. It's as if the framers found a formula to adapt to contingencies unseen; and to circumstances unknowable. Their wisdom in drafting the Impeachment clause affords us the opportunity to seize one of the options we are considering today. If we now simply apply some common sense, we will find common ground, and the result will be the common good.

I have faith in the Senate, and faith in my colleagues, that we will do so.

The Senate may never decisively resolve this maddening legal argument; but we must find a way to end this lingering national torment.

As do all my colleagues, I love this country. And I care deeply for this institution, the Senate of the United States. I want to do right by both. Working together, Republican and Democrat, I think we can.

Just as we have sworn an oath today to put the Nation's interests above all others, tomorrow when we are sworn as judge and juror, we must do the same. That will require absolute fairness, due process, deliberate speed, and a final resolution of these charges. The Democratic caucus is committed to each and every one of those goals, and is prepared to proceed immediately toward achieving them.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SENATE AGENDA

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to welcome all the Senators to the 106th Congress. We have had an all too brief and somewhat overwhelming interlude since the last day of the 105th Congress in October. That interval turned out to be dramatic and eventful in more ways than one, and because of events that occurred therein, the Senate's agenda for this year will be more important than ever.

We will soon be considering charges brought by the House of Representatives against the President of the United States. I cannot think of a more serious subject. Yet the Senate has its well-established procedures to deal with this situation. While it is not exactly routine, neither is it totally unique.

We have our responsibilities under the Constitution, and we will meet those responsibilities in an orderly fashion. That is why I have met several times and talked by phone other times with Senator DASCHLE, the Democratic

leader, and why the two of us have met with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whose duty it is to preside over a Senate trial involving the President. We have both consulted and are still very actively involved in consulting with fellow Senators, with constitutional scholars, with officers of the Senate, in terms of the law and the rules of the Senate.

Our duty is clear: To demonstrate anew our national commitment to justice and fair play. That is what the public expects from us, regardless of their individual opinions concerning the President. That is why I am confident that is what they will receive. No Senator in this Chamber needs to be reminded that we are here first and foremost to serve the American people. Americans today look to the future with the same hopes that have inspired and sustained this country for more than 200 years. They want a better life for themselves and, more importantly, for their children. Not just economically, but also in terms of a decent future and a just and caring society.

I want to emphasize now that I have not gone to the media and outlined exactly how this impeachment process will go forward because no final conclusion has been made. This is not something that can be reported in an evolutionary way because there are too many things that have to be considered, too many different parties—Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, House Members, the White House—and we have had to continue to consider the opinions of all to try to develop a fair way to have an expeditious trial that gets justice based on the rule of law. I think that it is more important that we hear from all parties and come to, hopefully, a conclusion that sets an outline of how we will proceed from beginning to end than it is to always be reporting on the current developments.

Never before have I had so much reported about what I was thinking, doing, or saying when I have said so little. I have been accused of being "holed up" in my hometown of Pascagoula, MS. Where would you expect me to be during the holidays? How about at home with my family and with my constituents, enjoying that precious season of the year.

However, I had no moss growing under my feet. I was talking with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, listening and thinking and developing and evolving a process that I think will get the job done. I believe we can very well achieve that goal within the next 24 hours—one that neither the House nor the White House will necessarily think is wonderful—giving all parties a fair chance to make the case and reach a conclusion that is equitable. We will get that done. And we will get it done, hopefully, in a relatively short period of time, without limiting it to a day or 3 days, or 3 weeks for that matter. It could very well take longer than that. But it will be a fair trial.

Then we have other very serious responsibilities that we must deal with.

It has been said as long as we are dealing with this issue that we can't deal with any other substantive issue in the Senate. Wrong.

We have responsibilities that go forward, and we will do our very best to have a dual track. Now, we may not be having debate and votes on the floor of the Senate on bills or on changes in the budget procedures around here, but we will begin to prepare. We will have our committee assignments all completed today. There will be committee hearings this week before the Judiciary Committee, before the Armed Services Committee, before the Education and Labor Committee—although it has a different name here in the Senate, I prefer to call it the Education Committee because it has that very important jurisdiction under its responsibilities.

We will begin the process and have hearings and meetings. Depending on how this process goes forward, and realizing that we have to understand the Supreme Court has a schedule that it has to comply with, which might give us some time to do some business, we will do our very best to get prepared for the regular legislative process while we are doing our duty with regard to impeachment.

But the goal that I hope we will move to immediately after the completion of the impeachment process, whenever that may be, is to develop some constant themes we want to work on during the 106th Congress. I think they can be described in words like these: security, responsibility, opportunity, and freedom. Now, those are not conflicting goals; they complement and support one another. Security, after all, enables responsibility; responsibility gives purpose to freedom; freedom ensures opportunity; and opportunity fosters security. When I talk about security, I think about security for my mother, security for my son and my daughter and my grandson. I think about health security, Social Security, national security, security in our neighborhoods. So that word encompasses an awful lot.

Our task is to advance on all four fronts this year: To enhance security, promote responsibility, strengthen freedom, and foster opportunity for all. In doing so, we face a tight schedule. We always do, but it is a manageable one if the Senators will help the leadership do our jobs. There are matters that we can consider promptly before our legislative committees even begin reporting major bills that must compete for a place and time on the Senate schedule.

One of the first matters we should take up is a clarification of Senate rules, to restore this institution's position regarding the consideration of authorizing legislation on appropriation bills. It is out of hand. The biggest fight now in all the appropriations bills occurs not on the appropriations but on amendments that are legislating on appropriations bill. I believe we can accomplish that change back to the way

it was in a bipartisan fashion. I certainly hope so.

I hope we can do the same thing regarding our budget process, although I may be erring on the side of optimism in that regard. This is priority legislation, I think, that is required to restore public confidence in the budget process. Do any of us feel that the process at the end of the last year was a good one? I don't think so. In the end, it is going to require will and determination by Senators and House Members to do their jobs on time and on schedule. There are some changes in the process that will help facilitate that. It will enable us to prevent Government shutdowns. It is ridiculous that there is even that possibility. It will control emergency spending. It has reached the point where we have not one super or extra special emergency bill each year, now we have to have two. And it makes a requirement that we take a long, hard look at how that is paid for and at current budget rules.

Important as budget reform is, rebuilding America's national security is even more pressing. Press reports have indicated that the administration will propose some increases in defense spending. That is good, and the Senate will take a very close look at that in committee and in the full Senate. I worry that those proposals are not sufficient or maybe the way it would be done is not the best way in trying to address the questions of pay and pensions and readiness for our military. But we should give that a very high priority. We have been losing ground in this area. This Congress must stop that erosion of our readiness and the morale of our military if we are going to be able to preserve our own national security and protect peace wherever our interests are in the world.

Education is going to be a central issue this year. Democrats say it is important and it will be a high priority. Republicans say it is a high priority. This past Congress passed not one, not two, but five major education bills, and we got very little credit for it. There was everything from some additional funds for IDEA to vocational education, higher education, and other things in between.

For starters, we must reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. That is important. Since its enactment more than 30 years ago, that legislation has been the channel through which tens of billions of dollars have flown from the taxpayers to Washington and back to the school districts again at the local level. In retrospect, perhaps that has not been the most productive system that we could devise, to put it mildly. I think we need to look at ways to cut out some of those stops along the way, the distance between the taxpayers, parents, and government, and how we improve our schools.

We need to find more ways to get more dollars back to the schools and especially back to the classrooms. We

need to strengthen local decision-making so the parents and teachers—the people most involved with their children—can act in the best interest of those youngsters.

We should foster quality teaching and promote family choice in education, especially for poor families whose kids are stuck in dead-end schools that are dangerous and drug infested and where they are not learning. We should not, on the other hand, presume to dictate to parents and educators what their priorities should be and how they should spend their tax dollars. So, clearly, this is something on which we will spend a lot of time.

We must continue to address the question of oppressive taxation. Most people will acknowledge that Americans are paying a heavy burden in taxes now. It affects the way they think and act as a family or how they save or invest. One of the most crushing tax burdens in this country is the payroll tax; it is a high percentage. That is the one in everybody's check at the end of the work week and they say, gee, this FICA tax is the one that is nailing me. Congress needs to look at that. We need more tax relief for working families so they can keep more of their own money. We need to have a tax code that is pro growth, pro investment, and pro jobs, so that we don't just give people a tax break but we give consideration to how the changes or tax reductions would lead to improvement in lives and jobs all across this country.

Tax simplification is a continuing need. We need to think about how we can get lower insurance premiums for the taxpayers, whether it is for their automobile insurance or their health insurance. We need to promote regulatory reform and relief across the board, but especially for small businesses.

Nothing this 106th Congress might do—whether in education, tax policy, or environmental protection—would mean as much to the American people as a long-term solution to the problems of Social Security and Medicare. So from the first day of this Congress right up to the last day toward the end of the year 2000, it will be my goal to see if we can find a broad, bipartisan agreement in those two crucial areas.

The Congress can't do it alone, though. The President has to provide leadership. It is not enough to just have conferences and talk about options. What is the solution? What are we going to be able to do to resolve the problems on Medicare? Will the Medicare Commission that reports back in March have a report we can act on or not? Or will it decay in partisan disagreement? Can we find a way to act in good faith on Social Security?

To show my good faith, I have said that if the President will send us a proposal he would like for us to consider, I will introduce his bill and we will begin hearings the next day in the Senate Finance Committee and see if we

can go forward. Or if that is not the way it can be done, I am willing to look at other ways that we can accomplish that goal. It is too important to just set it aside because it is too tough.

There are a lot of other issues we will deal with in the regular order. For example, bankruptcy reform, liability reform for charities, charitable choice in Federal programs, to end discrimination against faith-based organizations, prohibition against partial-birth abortions, as well as child custody protections to safeguard family rights, and modernization of financial services. I have spoken with Senator GRAMM and encouraged him, as the new chairman of the Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction, to pick up the legislation and see if he can forge an agreement that we can move forward on so that we will have broader choices and better service for consumers.

In due time, we will deal with all of those and a great many other subjects. During the next few weeks, I realize that the news media will be focused on one thing. My remarks here will be little noted or remembered—other than the part on the impeachment proceedings. But the record must begin to be made now that we have other very important priorities that are the people's priorities back in our respective States.

This Senate was designed by the Framers of the Constitution to be the steady element in Government, the place where passions are cooled and judgments come slowly.

It serves us well when we take our time and we make sure that the process is fair and the result is equitable.

I expect that to happen in the days ahead. No one can predict the outcome of the deliberations on impeachment, but everyone can expect the calm and careful exercise of our duty under the Constitution. That will not conflict with our role as legislators. It will rather confirm that we are more than mere lawmakers. As Members of the Senate, we are guardians of the rule of law and defenders of the rights of every American. That is our most important role, our most solemn charge, and our most enduring honor.

I yield the floor, Mr. President. I observe the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

CHALLENGES FACING THE SENATE IN 1999

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I wanted to take just a moment following the presentation by the majority leader to

say that he begins this session of Congress with a very substantial weight on his shoulders. He is a leader in a Congress that is facing a very unique challenge. I consider the majority leader a friend. I know that these are not easy times for him, and I hope that as we proceed with the important matter of impeachment that all of us in this Chamber can work together with Senator LOTT and the Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE, to see that we do the job that we are required to do by the Constitution in a thoughtful, deliberative, and bipartisan way.

I know there are some outside these Chambers who are worried about the Senate proceeding too quickly with the impeachment trial. Those who have had an opportunity to read two centuries of history of the U.S. Senate know that one of the last worries that one ought to entertain is that the Senate will ever move to quickly, or follow too closely.

The U.S. Senate is an extraordinary, deliberative body. The problem has seldom ever, in the history of this country, been that the Senate moves too quickly. Rather, my concern is that we discharge our responsibilities to do our duty and do it in a way that will give the American people confidence that the Senate exhibited the dignity they would expect from this institution.

The Senator from Mississippi, the majority leader, indicated that there are many other issues that challenge us and that will require our attention. He is absolutely correct about that. I, too, hope that we can join together to deal with these issues in a more bipartisan spirit in this Congress than we have seen in recent Congresses.

I want to mention just a couple of those challenges.

The Senator from Mississippi said that the way the last session ended was not a good way to end. He is right about that. It was shameful that so much business was left on the table at the end to be considered and dealt with by a few people—many of them unelected—behind closed doors and then brought to the floor by unanimous consent. That is not a way to do the Senate's business. It is not a way to do the business of Congress. All of us know that. All of us knew it then, and we ought to see if we can find a way to change the rules to prevent that from happening in the future.

With respect to challenges that we face, first the challenges abroad: All of us understand the dilemma that is posed to us and the entire world in what is increasingly a global economy as a result of the economic collapse and significant challenges facing the economies of the Asian countries. All you have to do is ask American farmers what they have experienced as a result of Asian economies being weak and, therefore, purchasing less in farm commodities from our country, and you will understand the direct impact, not just in that sector, but in virtually every sector in this country. We have a

stake in how well other countries in the world are doing. When the Asian economies experience significant trouble—recession and collapse—it affects our country and our future. When the Russian economy collapses, it affects us. When the Brazilian economy is in trouble, it affects us.

So these difficulties that are being experienced in many areas of the world have the capacity to affect in a significant way the American economy. And we must work with our Secretary of Treasury, with the President, and with Members of Congress, to reach out and see that we try to contain the spreading financial problems that exist in other parts of the world.

The other challenges are pretty obvious as well.

When the country of North Korea tests medium-range missiles, when the country of Iran begins testing medium-range missiles, presumably to hoist something aloft and threaten someone down the road, do we need to be concerned about that? You bet. The testing of missiles by North Korea and Iran is a very ominous threat to this country and ought to be of great concern to us.

When India and Pakistan decide to punctuate their poor relationship by exploding nuclear weapons virtually under each other's chin, is that destabilizing to the world? You bet it is. Do we need to be concerned about that? Of course.

We have about 7,500 nuclear weapons in our arsenal. I expect that in Russia and other parts of the world there are 7,500 nuclear weapons. And if the Russian Duma decides to approve START II at some point in the future, we whittle that number of nuclear weapons down to 5,000. That is still far too many—5,000 nuclear weapons on each side? It doesn't make any sense.

So we have a challenge to try to respond to that. We must respond to the issue of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

When you look at the potential threat to the entire world posed by India and Pakistan, two adversaries detonating these nuclear weapons virtually in front of each other, and then consider that other countries are trying to acquire weapons of mass destruction, as well as the capability of delivering them on the top of a missile, is that a concern. When countries like Iran and North Korea start testing missiles, is that a challenge to this country? You bet it is. And this Congress needs to be concerned about it and work with this President to develop policies to try to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the technology for delivering those weapons.

Here at home the challenges also are obvious.

We are blessed with an economy that is growing and strong. Virtually every indicator of economic health in this country is positive. Unemployment is down—way down. Inflation is down, almost nonexistent. Home ownership is

up. Crime is down. Violent crime is way down.

You can take a look at a whole range of statistics to determine what is happening in this country. While we have a lot of challenges, you have to conclude that things are better in this country as a result of economic growth and other public policies that have encouraged changes in America.

That doesn't mean everything is just fine.

Among the challenges we have in this country is still to deal with the issues of education and health care, for example.

The majority leader mentioned education. We don't run the education system in this country, and we shouldn't. Elementary and secondary education is largely operated and controlled by local school boards, and by State legislatures. Local control of schools has been a hallmark in this country, and I don't quarrel with that. I support that. But we can and should in this country develop national goals and aspirations of what we want to accomplish in education. Among the things we can do will be to commit ourselves to repair or construct new school buildings to replace those that are falling down.

At the end of the Second World War, we had folks come back to this country who fought for our country's liberty and beat back the fascism of Hitler. They came back and got an education under the GI bill and had families. They paid taxes to build schools. We had a lot of new schools built all over America in the 1950s. Today, many of those schools are in disrepair. We need new schools and bigger classrooms. We need to repair schools that are crumbling.

I have spoken at length on this floor about going into a school that educates largely Indian children—the Cannon Ball Elementary School. At this school, sewer gas comes up into a room used as a classroom at least once or twice a week and the classroom has to be evacuated. 150 kids go to school in a building where there are two bathrooms and one water fountain, where you can't connect a computer to the Internet because the wiring is so old, a building that has largely been condemned.

Do we need to do something about that? Is it fair to a third grader to go to school in conditions like that? No. We can do something to encourage additional school construction and school repair to make these facilities good facilities. We can also do something to encourage the reduction of class size by the hiring of more teachers. We can encourage that through public policy here without deciding that we should run the local school systems in this country.

But I will tell you, if we improve education nationally through public policies that say education matters, this country will be stronger and better because of it. Education must be a priority. Our children are our future, and

our ability to educate our children to become the best they can be is a significant investment in the future of America.

Health care is another important issue we must address. We had a debate about this in the last session of Congress, but we did not solve the problem. Mr. President, 160 million people are now herded into health care chutes called managed care organizations. And now too often a family enrolled in an HMO discovers when a loved one gets sick that the question of what kind of care they are going to get is not necessarily just a function of what the doctor says that care ought to be but also a function of whether an accountant 500 or 1,000 miles away in the insurance company office decides they want to allow that kind of medical treatment to be performed.

We have talked on the floor of the Senate about the horror stories. I am not alleging that these incidents happen with all HMOs, but I am alleging that they happen all too often. We need to pass in this Congress a Patients' Bill of Rights to say to the American people that when you go to a doctor, you have the right to go to a doctor of your choice who can meet your medical needs. You have a right to go to an emergency room if you need to.

I told a story several months ago about a woman who broke her neck and was taken to the hospital unconscious. She was told later that her care was not covered because she didn't get prior approval to come to the emergency room. Now, what kind of nut case would make that kind of judgment—that someone who is unconscious and has a broken neck needs prior approval to get emergency treatment.

We need a Patients' Bill of Rights, and this Congress ought to pass it. We didn't in the last session, and we need to this session. I hope we can join together on this issue. If there are specific debates about the details, let's work them out. Let's pass a Patients' Bill of Rights to respond to these problems.

I come from farm country. While this country is doing better, and there are a lot of reasons to say our country is in pretty good shape, family farmers aren't in good shape. Those who went out and bought a Christmas ham probably paid \$30 or \$35 for a pretty good sized ham. Do you know that at about the same time, there was a farmer who put a hog in a pickup truck and hauled that hog to market and sold it. That 200-pound hog brought that farmer \$20. The shopper bought a ham for \$35 and the farmer gets \$20 for selling a 200-pound hog. Somebody is stealing in between. That is strong language, but the fact is that all of the packing plants, for beef, sheep, chickens and hogs, are now tightly controlled by just a few companies. If you are selling a cow, you sell it into a market system in which four companies control over 80 percent of the cattle slaughtered in

this country. The same is true with hogs—slightly less but pretty much true.

The point is that these family farmers are experiencing collapsed prices for hogs, collapsed prices for cattle, collapsed prices for grain. This country will end up without family farmers in its future if it doesn't come to grips with a better farm policy that gives family farmers a chance to make a living.

Every single institution, every single enterprise that touches what farmers raise is making record profits. Farmers who gas up the tractor and tend to the cattle are the ones who are losing their shirts. But everybody else is making record profits—railroads are making record profits; the slaughter plants, record profits; the cereal manufacturers, record profits. The farmer gets practically nothing for his grain, and the manufacturer puts it in a plant someplace and puffs it up, and then puts it on the grocery store shelf as puffed wheat. The farmer got close to nothing for the wheat and the folks who puff it up and put it in the box get rich because they are providing the puff to the consumer.

Why have we decided in this country that family farming doesn't matter? Because a majority of this Congress in recent years apparently doesn't care whether we have family farmers in our future. I hope that changes, and I hope in the 106th Congress we can go back and revise that and have a farm program that really matters. We need a farm policy that says to family farmers: this country is a better place if we have a network of family farmers all across America, out there working and raising families under those yard lights that we call family farms.

You talk about family values. You can't be for family values if you are not for family farmers. The history of this country is one of nurturing family values on family farms. Those values roll out to our big towns and big cities from our family farms. So that is another of the challenges.

Finally, Senator LOTT mentioned appropriately the challenge of dealing with the entitlements programs. We must in this Congress deal with the long-term financial difficulties facing Social Security and Medicare. Is that a tough job? Sure, but we need to do it. The issues facing Social Security and Medicare are born of success. If people weren't living longer, we wouldn't have financial strains on these programs.

One hundred years ago, in the year 1900, if you were living in the United States of America, you were expected to live to be about 48 years of age. Now a century later, you are expected to live, on average, about 78 years in the United States. Is that good news? Absolutely.

I was at a place a while back where there was a 94-year-old woman. She danced all night at this place where they polka and waltz, and so on. You can go out and find people living much

longer, healthier lives, doing things they never expected to do. Part of it is perhaps a better lifestyle, safer workplaces, part of it is better nutrition, part of it is the result of breathtaking medical changes. Fifty years ago, someone who had cataracts would be blind. Today they get an operation, and they can see. It used to be if you had bad knees or bad hips, you were in a wheelchair. Today you get new knees or new hips. Those who half a century ago would die of heart disease have heart surgery. You can find people 80 years old who have new knees, new hips, heart surgery and no cataracts, and they say, "We feel like a million bucks."

All of these breathtaking medical advances have helped improve life in this country. People are living longer. That provides us with a challenge. With more people living longer, it means we have more strain on Social Security and the Medicare programs, but, gosh, that challenge is born of success. We ought not shrink from that. So we make some adjustments here and there, thoughtful adjustments that recognize these programs work and they are good programs, but we can do that. This Congress can do that and should.

Mr. GREGG assumed the Chair.

Mr. DORGAN. President Clinton has proposed at a meeting I was at with the bipartisan leadership of the Congress, that this is the year in which we tackle the challenges facing Social Security and Medicare. I think the Presiding Officer was at that meeting. I think there is a determination by Republicans and Democrats in Congress, by the President and Congress, that we owe it to the American people to address these entitlement questions, to make the kinds of changes that are necessary so that we can give the American people confidence that these programs will be around for a long, long while. But I do want to emphasize this challenge is born of success because people are living longer and better lives. I don't want people to come here saying these programs don't work. The Social Security program and the Medicare program have been remarkably successful. Just before the Medicare program was developed, over half of the senior citizens in America had no health care coverage at all. None. Now, 99 percent of the senior citizens in America are covered with health care. That is a dramatic difference and an improvement in the lives of tens and tens of millions of Americans.

Mr. President, those are some of the challenges we face. I agree with the majority leader that the sooner we get to them the better. We must discharge our responsibility first on the impeachment issues, but then we must turn to the business of this country and respond to the challenges I have just described.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I make a point of order a quorum is not present.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. SMITH of Oregon assumed the Chair.)

Mr. SMITH of OREGON. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAPO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

Mr. SMITH of OREGON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 5 p.m. today and the majority leader be recognized at that time.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:09 p.m., recessed until 4:58 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. ABRAHAM).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ABRAHAM). The Senator from Georgia.

RECESS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 6 p.m. today, with the majority leader recognized at that time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:58 p.m., recessed until 6 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. GRAMS).

RECESS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, seeing no Senator seeking the floor, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 6:30 p.m. today and that the majority leader be recognized at that time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Thereupon, at 6 p.m., the Senate recessed until 6:31 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. BROWNBACK).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Kansas, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING THE REVEREND PETER CHEI ON RECEIVING HIS U.S. CITIZENSHIP

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is a great honor and privilege to extend congratulations to the Reverend Peter (Yee Chung) Chei as he celebrates the

granting of his United States citizenship on Friday, October 16th, 1998. Reverend Peter Chei has served our nation admirably during the thirty-three years he has made his home on our shores, and now, as a United States citizen, his continuing commitment to this nation has been sealed with the words of the Oath of Allegiance. The United States has thereby greatly profited.

The Reverend Peter Chei has long been held in my highest regard. His dedication to the redemptive mission of Christ has been an inspiration for many people across the state of Missouri, this country, and the world.

It was my good fortune to meet Reverend Chei when he was still living in Hong Kong. His father had escaped with the Chei family to Hong Kong after the communists took over the Chinese mainland in 1950. The trials faced by the Chei family as they were uprooted from Peter's birthplace parallel the trials faced by many of America's first adopted citizens escaping religious persecution. Peter Chei's decision to move to the United States in 1965 and his decision to become a United States citizen are made all the more meaningful by this stark comparison.

Having arrived in this country, Reverend Chei determined to serve God and his adopted country through a life of evangelism. His long history of ministerial and community service demonstrates his commitment. Reverend Chei has volunteered as Head Start Policy Council President, Head Start Parents Association President, Coordinator for the American Bible Society, Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer, Coordinator for the International Year of Bible Reading, Coordinator for the 1999 Year of the Bible, and as a member of the Crosswalk Teen Center. The Reverend Peter Chei founded Missouri Head Start Parents' Association, Singles and Families Educational Seminar, Christians Together in the City of Nevada, His Hope House, the Christian Artist Series, Hope for America, and Missionary to America. He has taken on all of these extra responsibilities while serving faithfully as a minister of music and as a pastor.

I consider it a great blessing to be counted among Reverend Chei's friends and it is my distinct honor to salute this patriot on the occasion of his swearing in as a citizen of our great country.

HAROLD A. SHAUB: NOVEMBER 28, 1915–NOVEMBER 29, 1998

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, although the late Honorable Harold A. Shaub was not a citizen of my State, I regarded his friendship, and his interest in North Carolina, sufficient to qualify him to be declared an honorary Tar Heel.

He was a remarkable gentleman whom I met casually one morning when he was trying to find the office of

then Senator Curtis of Nebraska. From that day on, he was a friend for whom I had great admiration. He visited occasionally when he was in Washington, and I enjoyed his company fairly often in the Senate Dining Room. Occasionally, Mrs. Shaub and one or more of his and Mrs. Shaub's children joined us.

Mr. President, there was not one iota of pretense in Harold Shaub's personality. Yet he was one of America's leading business men, perhaps most notably as president and chief executive officer of the Campbell Soup Co.

I never asked Harold for a special favor, nor did he of me. There was one occasion, a number of years ago, when North Carolina was one of the States seeking to acquire a Campbell Soup Co. plant. I had studied the data on each of the States competing against mine for the Campbell plant. I was convinced that North Carolina met Campbell Soup's needs better than did our competitors. So I called Harold, told him of my interest in the proposed plant, and asked if he would object to my sending to him the details of why I sincerely believed North Carolina should be chosen.

His response was that I should send the information as quickly as possible because the first decision deadline was near. I did—that very day. Within a week, he was on the telephone. He said, simply: "I suspect you would be wise to make arrangements for some news about a new corporate citizen coming to North Carolina."

Mr. President, I have at hand an obituary about my friend, Harold Shaub, published in Pennsylvania. I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

HAROLD A. SHAUB: NOVEMBER 28, 1915–NOVEMBER 29, 1998

Harold A. Shaub, 83, former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Campbell Soup Company, died November 29 in Bryn Mawr Hospital of heart failure.

Mr. Shaub, a native of Lancaster County, was a resident of the Gladwyne/Bryn Mawr area for the past 30 years. He graduated from Drexel University in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce.

Mr. Shaub's career at the Campbell Soup Company spanned 38 years. He joined the Company in 1942 as Assistant to the General Superintendent of the Camden, New Jersey plant and subsequently held other supervisory positions there and at the Company's Chicago plant. In 1957 he was elected Vice President/General Manager of the Campbell Soup Company Ltd., the Canadian subsidiary headquartered in Toronto, and from 1961 to 1966 served as President of the Canadian Company. From 1966 to 1968 he was President of Pepperidge Farm, Inc. in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Mr. Shaub returned to the Philadelphia area in 1968 following his transfer to the Campbell Soup Company's headquarters in Camden, New Jersey. He served as Senior Vice President and then Executive Vice President prior to serving as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1972 through 1980. He was elected to the Campbell Soup Company Board of Directors in 1970 and served on the Board until 1988.

In addition to serving as a Director for the Campbell Soup Company, Mr. Shaub served

on the Board of Directors of the Exxon Corporation, R.H. Macy & Co., Scott Paper Company, The Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia, New Jersey Bell Telephone, Westminster Paper Company, LTD., the Food Processors Institute, and the Grocery Manufacturers of America. He was also a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, the International Advisory Council of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto, the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto, the Industries Advisory Committee of the Advertising Council, and The Conference Board.

He was a Past Chairman of the Penjerdel Corporation, a regional business organization serving eleven counties in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. He played a key role in the successful effort that brought the Saratoga for overhaul to the Philadelphia Shipyard.

Throughout his lifetime Mr. Shaub was committed to community service. He served on the Drexel University Board of Trustees and was named an Emeritus Trustee. He was a Life Trustee and Distinguished Fellow for the Cornell Institute for Medical Research. His directorships included the United Medical Corporation in Haddonfield, New Jersey, Queenway General Hospital in Toronto; the Citizens Crime Commission in Philadelphia; and Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College. He was also a member of the Board of Managers of The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and a former Trustee of the Nutrition Foundation and the Foundation of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He had worked on behalf of many other organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, the United Way, and the Cooper Medical Center.

Mr. Shaub was the recipient of many awards and honors. The Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and Penjerdel Council awarded him the prestigious William Penn Award in 1980 and honored him as one of Fifty Distinguished Pennsylvanians in 1979. In 1979, he also received the U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Lebanon Valley College. He received the Corporate Leadership Award in 1976 and the South Jersey Chamber of Commerce named him Businessman of the Year in 1980. Drexel University honored him numerous times, naming him Drexel Businessman of the Year in 1973 and conferring upon him the A.J. Drexel Paul Award in 1975, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, and "The Drexel 100" Award in 1992.

Mr. Shaub was a world traveler and outdoorsman. He was an avid salmon and trout fisherman and a charter member of the Tunkhanna Fishing Association in the Paconos where he shared his enthusiasm for fly fishing with others and worked to preserve the trout stream and surrounding area.

He was predeceased by his son Harold (Bud) Shaub Jr. He is survived by his wife Eileen, his son John Shaub of Oakville, Ontario, Canada; and daughters Carole Hoffman of Dayton, Ohio; and Lynn Benton of Ellicott City, Maryland; 10 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr. A private burial service will be held in Lancaster County. Donations in Mr. Shaub's memory may be made to the Cornell Institute for Medical Research, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 19, 1998, subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House of Representatives has impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States; the House of Representatives adopted articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, which the managers on the part of the House of Representatives have been directed to carry to the Senate; and Mr. HYDE of Illinois, Mr. SENSENBRENNER of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCOLLUM of Florida, Mr. GEKAS of Pennsylvania, Mr. CANDY of Florida, Mr. BUYER of Indiana, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, Mr. CHABOT of Ohio, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. HUTCHINSON of Arkansas, Mr. CANNON of Utah, Mr. ROGAN of California, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, have been appointed as managers.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 611, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 19, 1998

Resolved, That William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the United States Senate:

Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I

In his conduct while President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, has willfully corrupted and manipulated the judicial process of the United States for his personal gain and exonerated, impeding the administration of justice, in that:

On August 17, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton swore to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth before a Federal grand jury of the United States. Contrary to that oath, William Jefferson Clinton willfully provided perjurious, false and misleading testimony to the grand jury concerning one or more of the following: (1) the

nature and details of his relationship with a subordinate Government employee; (2) prior perjurious, false and misleading testimony he gave in a Federal civil rights action brought against him; (3) prior false and misleading statements he allowed his attorney to make to a Federal judge in that civil rights action; and (4) his corrupt efforts to influence the testimony of witnesses and to impede the discovery of evidence in that civil rights action.

In doing this, William Jefferson Clinton has undermined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute on the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President, and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore, William Jefferson Clinton, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

ARTICLE II

In his conduct while President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, has prevented, obstructed, and impeded the administration of justice, and has to that end engaged personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay, impede, cover up, and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony related to a Federal civil rights action brought against him in a duly instituted judicial proceeding.

The means used to implement this course of conduct or scheme included one or more of the following acts:

(1) On or about December 17, 1997, William Jefferson Clinton corruptly encouraged a witness in a Federal civil rights action brought against him to execute a sworn affidavit in that proceeding that he knew to be perjurious, false and misleading.

(2) On or about December 17, 1997, William Jefferson Clinton corruptly encouraged a witness in a Federal civil rights action brought against him to give perjurious, false and misleading testimony if and when called to testify personally in that proceeding.

(3) On or about December 28, 1997, William Jefferson Clinton corruptly engaged in, encouraged, or supported a scheme to conceal evidence that had been subpoenaed in a Federal civil rights action brought against him.

(4) Beginning on or about December 7, 1997, and continuing through and including January 14, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton intensified and succeeded in an effort to secure job assistance to a witness in a Federal civil rights action brought against him in order to corruptly prevent the truthful testimony of that witness in that proceeding at a time when the truthful testimony of that witness would have been harmful to him.

(5) On January 17, 1998, at his deposition in a Federal civil rights action brought against him, William Jefferson Clinton corruptly allowed his attorney to make false and misleading statements to a Federal judge characterizing an affidavit, in order to prevent questioning deemed relevant by the judge. Such false and misleading statements were subsequently acknowledged by his attorney in a communication to that judge.

(6) On or about January 18 and January 20-21, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton related a false and misleading account of events relevant to a Federal civil rights action

brought against him to a potential witness in that proceeding, in order to corruptly influence the testimony of that witness.

(7) On or about January 21, 23, and 26, 1998, William Jefferson Clinton made false and misleading statements to potential witnesses in a Federal grand jury proceeding in order to corruptly influence the testimony of those witnesses. The false and misleading statements made by William Jefferson Clinton were repeated by the witnesses to the grand jury, causing the grand jury to receive false and misleading information.

In all of this, William Jefferson Clinton has undermined the integrity of his office, has brought disrepute to the Presidency, has betrayed his trust as President, and has acted in a manner subversive of the rule of law and justice, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore, William Jefferson Clinton, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 614, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DECEMBER 19, 1998

Resolved, That Mr. Hyde of Illinois, Mr. Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, Mr. McCollum of Florida, Mr. Gekas of Pennsylvania, Mr. Canady of Florida, Mr. Buyer of Indiana, Mr. Bryant of Tennessee, Mr. Chabot of Ohio, Mr. Barr of Georgia, Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas, Mr. Cannon of Utah, Mr. Rogan of California, and Mr. Graham of South Carolina are appointed managers to conduct the impeachment trial against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, that a message be sent to the Senate to inform the Senate of these appointments, and that the managers so appointed may, in connection with the preparation and the conduct of the trial, exhibit the articles of impeachment to the Senate and take all other actions necessary, which may include the following:

(1) Employing legal, clerical, and other necessary assistants and incurring such other expenses as may be necessary, to be paid from amounts available to the Committee on the Judiciary under applicable expense resolutions or from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

(2) Sending for persons and papers, and filing with the Secretary of the Senate, on the part of the House of Representatives, any pleadings, in conjunction with or subsequent to, the exhibition of the articles of impeachment that the managers consider necessary.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. CON. RES. 2

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, January 6, 1999, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that J. Dennis Hastert, a Representative from the State of Illinois, has been elected Speaker; and Jeffrey J. Trandahl, a citizen of the Commonwealth of

Virginia, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 10, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 6, 1999

Resolved, That in continuance of the authority conferred in House Resolution 614 of the One Hundred Fifth Congress adopted by the House of Representatives and delivered to the Senate on December 19, 1998, Mr. Hyde of Illinois, Mr. Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, Mr. McCollum of Florida, Mr. Gekas of Pennsylvania, Mr. Canady of Florida, Mr. Buyer of Indiana, Mr. Bryant of Tennessee, Mr. Chabot of Ohio, Mr. Barr of Georgia, Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas, Mr. Cannon of Utah, Mr. Rogan of California, and Mr. Graham of South Carolina are appointed managers to conduct the impeachment trial against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, that a message be sent to the Senate to inform the Senate of these appointments, and that the managers so appointed may, in connection with the preparation and the conduct of the trial, exhibit the articles of impeachment to the Senate and take all other actions necessary, which may include the following:

(1) Employing legal, clerical, and other necessary assistants and incurring such other expenses as may be necessary, to be paid from amounts available to the Committee on the Judiciary under applicable expense resolutions or from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

(2) Sending for persons and papers, and filing with the Secretary of the Senate, on the part of the House of Representatives, any pleadings, in conjunction with or subsequent to, the exhibition of the articles of impeachment that the managers consider necessary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the deferral of budgetary resources affecting programs of the Department of State and International Security Assistance dated October 22, 1998; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, and to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' report on Contracts and Grants for fiscal year 1995 and 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CHAMPUS TRICARE Management Activity; State Victims of Crime Compensation Program; Voice Prostheses" (RIN0720-AA42) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on printing and duplicating services procured in-house or from external sources during fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Angola that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reports to be Made by Certain Brokers and Dealers" (RIN3235-AH36) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Operation of Federal Credit Unions; Trustees and Custodians of Pension Plans" received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interstate Land Sales Registration Fees; Change in Mailing Address and Authority to Make Electronic Payment" (RIN2502-AH22) received on October 21, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10. A communication from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Banking Activities" (RIN1557-AB58) received on October 21, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Flue-Cured Tobacco" (RIN0560-AF19) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-12. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1998 Marketing Quota and Price Support for Burley Cured Tobacco" (RIN0560-AF189) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-13. A communication from the Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice" received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-14. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Relaxations to Substandard and Maturity Dockage Systems" (Docket FV99-989-1 IFR) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-15. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon, and Imported Onions; Increase in

Grade Requirement for White Onions" (Docket FV97-958-2 FR) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-16. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Military Recruiting and Reserve Officer Training Corps Program Access to Institutions of Higher Education" (RIN0790-AG42) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-17. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rules For Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act" (RIN0938-A117) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-18. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 98-51) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-19. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 98-54) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-20. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Returns Relating to Interest on Educational Loans" (Notice 98-54) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-21. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Basis Reduction Due to Discharge of Indebtedness" (RIN1545-AU71) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-22. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 1998 revision of its Strategic Plan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-23. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Hospital Deductible and Hospital and Extended Care Services Coinsurance Amounts for 1999" (RIN0938-AJ02) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-24. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Part A Premium for 1999 for the Uninsured Aged and For Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted Other Entitlement" (RIN0938-AJ03) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-25. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Monthly Actuarial Rates and Monthly Supplementary Medical Insurance Premium Rate Beginning January 1, 1999" (RIN0938-AI98) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-26. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on the activities and

operations of the Public Integrity Section for 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-27. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the Department's approval of danger pay for civilian employees in Liberia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-28. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Statistical Programs of the United States Government" for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-29. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-30. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Taxpayer Identification Numbers" (RIN9000-A114) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-31. A communication from the Executive Director of the United States Government Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's combined report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Fiscal Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-32. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Educational Employment Program" (RIN3206-AH82) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-33. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost of Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Honolulu, HI" (RIN3206-A138) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-34. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Educational Employment Program" (RIN3206-AH82) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-35. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions and deletions to the Committee's Procurement List dated October 19, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-36. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel Lancaster, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report under the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-37. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel Starr, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-38. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Electronic Commerce in Federal Procurement" (RIN9000-A110) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-39. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Pol-

icy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Alternative Dispute Resolution-1996" (RIN9000-AH72) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-40. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Pay-As-You-Go Pension Costs" (RIN9000-AC90) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-41. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Rehabilitation Act, Workers with Disabilities" (RIN9000-AH99) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-42. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Civil Defense Costs" (RIN9000-AH95) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-43. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Costs Related to Legal/Other Proceedings" (RIN9000-AH05) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-44. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Service Contracts" (RIN9000-AI09) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-45. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Payment Due Dates" (RIN9000-A111) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-46. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-47. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule listing the Atlantic Sturgeon as Endangered or Threatened (I.D. 0730098C) received on October 21, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-48. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule extending the common period with regard to the Pennsylvania Enhanced I/M SIP Revision (FRL6182-4) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-49. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the approval of the Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and the Emissions Inventory for the Connecticut Portion of the New

York—N. New Jersey—Long Island Area (FRL6182-2) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-50. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance for Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprise in Procurement Under Assistance Agreements—6010, FY 1999 Non-State Revolving Funds MBE/WBE Terms and Conditions" received on October 16, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-51. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arizona: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL6560-5) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-52. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools; Final Decision on State Requests for Waiver From requirements" (FRL6038-1) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-53. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Michigan: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL6179-7) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-54. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Review Plan for Trial Use for the Review of Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection of Piping" (NUREG-0800) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-55. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "An Approach for Plant-Specific Risk-Informed Decisionmaking Inservice Inspection of Piping" (Guide 1.178) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-56. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for Virginia Sneezeweed (*Helenium virginicum*), a Plant From the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia" (RIN1018-AE37) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-57. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for Three Aquatic Snails, and Threatened Status for Three Aquatic Snails in the Mobile River Basin of Alabama" (RIN1018-AE36) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-58. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Individual Privacy and Access to Records

Under the Privacy Act of 1974" (RIN1290-AA16) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-59. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's consolidated report on the Community Food and Nutrition Program for fiscal years 1992 through 1995; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-60. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the Office of Education Research and Improvement's evaluation of the performance of recipients of Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts (RIN1850-AA54) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-61. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuncts, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (polymer colorant)" (Docket 98F-0390) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-62. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket 96F-0107) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-63. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Mammography Standards; Correcting Amendment" (RIN0919-AA24) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-64. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings" (Docket 98F-0433) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-65. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Precious Coral Fisheries; Amendment 3" (I.D. 061898B) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-66. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Revisions to the Dealer and Vessel Reporting Requirements" (I.D. 040798C) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-67. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Gear

and Vessel Management Measures" (I.D. 122497B) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-68. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Archival Tag Recovery" (I.D. 121697B) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-69. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component in the Bering Sea (I.D. 101698A) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-70. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 100998A) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-71. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 100998C) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-72. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 100998B) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-73. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 100898C) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-74. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 100898B) received on October 20, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-75. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Billfishes; Atlantic Blue Marlin and Atlantic White Marlin Minimum Size; Billfish Tournament Notification Requirements; Atlantic Marlin Bag Limit" (I.D. 020398B) received on October 23, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-76. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category" (I.D. 100798C) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-77. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 102098E) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-78. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the assignment of licenses for public safety stations to operate in the newly reallocated 700 MHz band (WT Docket 96-86) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-79. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for New York" (I.D. 102298A) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-80. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming" (MM Docket 95-176) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-81. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Chehalis, Washington)" (MM Docket 97-7) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-82. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (King Salmon, Alaska)" (MM Docket 98-139) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-83. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Las Vegas, New Mexico)" (MM Docket 98-49) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-84. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Twin Falls and Hailey, Idaho)"

(MM Docket 97-131) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-85. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Gaylord, Michigan)" (MM Docket 98-107) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-86. A communication from the Associate Managing Director of Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Yuma, Colorado)" (MM Docket 98-101) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-87. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions" (RIN2137-AD15) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-88. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Interim Implementation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program" (Docket 98-4317) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-89. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Pilotage for Vessels in Foreign Trade" (Docket 97-073) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-90. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Algiers Alternate Route, Louisiana" (Docket 08-98-061) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-91. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Existing Rules" (Docket 28910) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-92. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Lake Charles, LA" (Docket 98-ASW-41) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-93. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA-23-235, PA-23-250, and PA-E23-250 Airplanes" (Docket 82-CE-36-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-94. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-188-

AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-95. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-191-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-96. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model C-212 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-185-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-97. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A320 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-29-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-98. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Forest City, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-30) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-99. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Kearney, NE" (Docket 98-ACE-34) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-100. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Beatrice, NE" (Docket 98-ACE-32) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-101. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Spencer, IA" (Docket 98-ACE-31) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-102. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Albemarle, NC" (Docket 98-ASO-14) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-103. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chester, SC" (Docket 98-ASO-15) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-104. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D Airspace; Concord, NC" (Docket 98-ASO-16) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-105. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E

Airspace; Hugo, OK" (Docket 98-ASW-46) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-106. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Oak Grove, LA" (Docket 98-ASW-45) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-107. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Aircraft Company Models A200CT, B200, B200C, B200T, 200T/B200T, 300, B300, and B300C Airplanes" (Docket 97-CE-148-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-108. A communication from the General Counsel of the 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" (Docket 97-NM-278-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-109. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-341-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-110. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-288-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-111. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-187-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-112. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300, A310, and A300-600 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-74-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-113. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT8D Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 97-ANE-45-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-114. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. CFM56-7B Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-65-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-115. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes" (Docket 98-CE-69-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-116. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 95-ANE-69) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-117. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Robinson Helicopter Company Model R44 Helicopters" (Docket 97-SW-01-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-118. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10, -15, -30, and -40 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-73-AD) received on October 22, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-119. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Program Standard Contract Forms" (RIN0572-AB42) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-120. A communication from the Director of Audit Oversight and Liaison, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Presidential and Vice Presidential Certificated Expenditures and Related Matters for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report on the Asset Forfeiture Program for fiscal year 1995 and 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-122. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-123. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-158 to 98-165) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-124. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report entitled "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 1997"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-125. A communication from the Director of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institutes of Health Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds" (RIN0925-AA09) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-126. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards" (RIN1810-AA89) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-127. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration,

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted For Direct Addition to Food For Human Consumption; Polydextrose" (Docket 97F-0388) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-128. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Action Reporting—1998" (Case 98-D009) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-129. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Bosnian Serb-Controlled Areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations: Resolution of Claims Regarding Blocked Montenegrin Vessel Accounts" received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-130. A communication from the Director of the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions, Availability and Release of Information, Contracting Outreach Program" (RIN 1557-AB65) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-131. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation T, Credit by Brokers and Dealers" received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-132. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Awards of Costs and Certain Fees in Tax Litigation" (Notice 98-55) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-133. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit or Abatement; Determination of Correct Tax Liability" (Rev. Proc. 98-55) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-134. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies and Adjustments to the Relative Value Units Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 1999" (HCFA-1006-FC) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-135. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel (Deputy Independent Counsel Smith), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-136. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel Pearson, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-137. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel Pearson, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report

under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-138. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel von Kann, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-139. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel von Kann, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-140. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel Bruce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's consolidated report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-141. A communication from the Director of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-142. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment in the Senior Executive Service; Promotion and Internal Placement" (RIN3206-AH92) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-143. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-144. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-145. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-146. A communication from the Chief Management Officer, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1998 Annual Performance Report; A Report on Service Improvements and Management Reform"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-147. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Authority's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-148. A communication from the Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects in the Gulf of Mexico and Off the U.S. South Atlantic Coastal States; Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN)" (RIN0648-ZA48) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-149. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fish-

eries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding vessels catching pollock for processing by the inshore component in the Bering Sea (I.D. 102898B) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-150. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska Statistical Area 620" (I.D. 102798A) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-151. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; Implementation Information for Innovative Bridge Research and Construction Program Funds" (RIN2125-ZZ08) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-152. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Alternative to Pressure Testing Older Hazardous Liquid and Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Rules" (RIN2137-AC78) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-153. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Slingsby Aviation Limited Models Dart T.51, Dart T.51/17, and Dart T.51/17R Sailplanes" (Docket 98-CE-67-AD) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-154. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolladen Schneider Flugzeugbau GmbH Models LS 3-A, LS 4, and LS 4a Sailplanes" (Docket 95-CE-49-AD) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-155. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-101-AD) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-156. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Riverton, WY" (Docket 98-ANM-15) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-157. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Phoenix Class B Airspace Area; AZ" (Docket 94-AWA-1) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-158. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA-28-140, PA-28-150, PA-28-160, and PA-28-180 Airplanes" (Docket 95-CE-51-AD) received on November 2, 1998; to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-159. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29371) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-160. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. PA-24, PA-28R, PA-30, PA-32R, PA-34, and PA-39 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-CE-09-AD) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-161. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Approval of Recission to the VOC Rule Governing Automotive and Light-duty Truck Coating Operations" (FRL6183-9) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-162. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; 1990 Base Year Emissions Inventories, 15% Rate of Progress Plans, Contingency Plans, and Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets" (FRL6173-8) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-163. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Reclassification; Arizona-Phoenix Non-attainment Area; Ozone; Extension of Plan Submittal Deadline" (FRL6183-7) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-164. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Idaho and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation" (FRL6185-8) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-165. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Allotment Formulas for State and Interstate Monies Appropriated Under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act" (FRL6184-9) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-166. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances; Correction" (FRL6042-2) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-167. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding various California State Implementation Plan Revisions (FRL6184-4) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-168. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Remediation Waste Management Requirements (WHIR-media)" (FRL6186-6) received on November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-169. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final sequestration report for fiscal year 1999; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Armed Services, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, to the Committee on Finance, to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, to the Committee on the Judiciary, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to the Committee on Small Business, to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to the Select Committee on Intelligence, and to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-170. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on the National Security Strategy of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-171. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the cost and feasibility of integrating DoD and VA medical care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-172. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Action Reporting—Reform of Affirmative Action" (Case 98-D018) received on November 3, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-173. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Weighted Guidelines—Federally Funded Research and Development Centers" (Case 97-D025) received on November 12, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-174. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-175. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a cost comparison on the Training Equipment Maintenance and Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory functions at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-176. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Docket 98-088-1) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-177. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center" (Docket 98-070-3) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-178. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Area" (Docket 98-082-3) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-179. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis Testing of Livestock Other than Cattle and Bison" (Docket 97-062-2) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-180. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Balloting and Stockholder Reconsideration Issues" (RIN3052-AB71) received on November 18, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-181. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Change in Container Regulations" (Docket FV98-922-1 FIR) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-182. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, 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 FV98-987-1 FR) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-183. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV98-948-1 FIR) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-184. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwi Fruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV98-920-3 FIR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-185. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Relaxation of the Minimum Size Requirement for Red Seedless Grapefruit" (Docket FV99-905-1 IFR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-186. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Promotion and Research Order; Amendment to the Order" (Docket DA-98-05) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-187. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Relaxation of Quality Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" (Docket FV98-916-2 FIR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-188. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limes and Avocados Grown in Florida; Relaxation of Container Dimension, Weight, and Marketing Requirements" (Docket FV98-911-2 FIR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-189. A communication from the Regulatory Review Officer, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Relaxations to Substandard and Maturity Dockage Systems" (Docket FV99-989-1 IFR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-190. A communication from the Regulatory Review Officer, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestically Produced Peanuts; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket FV98-997-1 FIR and FV98-998-1 FIR) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-191. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Combinations for Tobacco Allotments and Quotas" (RIN0560-AF14) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-192. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Warehouses" (RIN0560-AD92) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-193. A communication from the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Donation of Agricultural Commodities" (RIN0551-AA57) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-194. A communication from the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Financing of Commercial Sales of Agricultural Commodities" (RIN 0551-AA54) received on November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-195. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. UT-039-FOR) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-196. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Rulemaking Support, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Technical and Administrative Amendments" (RIN1991-AB40) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-197. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Rulemaking Support, Department of Energy, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Occupational Radiation Protection" (RIN1901-AA59) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-198. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cash or Deferred Arrangements; Nondiscrimination" (Notice 98-52) received on October 29, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-199. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 98-56) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-200. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test of Mediation Procedure for Appeals" (Announcement 98-99) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-201. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 98-51) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-202. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Earned Income Credit for Taxable Years Beginning after December 31, 1978" (Rev. Rul. 98-56) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-203. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations" (Rev. Proc. 98-57) received on November 12, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-204. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-57) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-205. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 21, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-206. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 27, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-207. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated November 4, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-208. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated November 16, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-209. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minimum Income Annuity and Gratuitous Annuity" (RIN2900-AJ17) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-210. A communication from the National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's audit reports for the years ended August 31, 1998 and 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-211. A communication from the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the delivery of defense articles and services to the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina for the period from 29 August 1996 through 21 September 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-212. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a violation of the Antideficiency Act with respect to a banned expenditure of funds for human embryo research; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-213. A communication from the Chairman of the National Women's Business Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-214. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's budget request for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-215. A communication from the Director of the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation with respect to the Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations Act dated November 25, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-216. A communication from the Director of the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation within seven days of enactment dated November 25, 1998; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-217. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report and Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River System Reservoirs for 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-218. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report entitled "Annual Energy Outlook 1999"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-219. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. AL-068-FOR) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-220. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ohio Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. OH-243-FOR, #76) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-221. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (SPATS No. TX-039-FOR) received on

November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-222. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arkansas Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. AR-032-FOR) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-223. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Helium Contracts" (RIN1004-AD24) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-224. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Annual Report to Congress on Veterans' Employment in the Federal Government for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dependents Education: Increase in Educational Assistance Rates" (RIN2900-AJ42) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-226. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VA Acquisition Regulation: Title and Reference Updates" (RIN2900-AJ29) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-227. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report entitled "Publics and Diplomats in the Global Communications Age"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-228. A communication from the Chairman of the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-229. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's quarterly report on Development Assistance Program Allocations for fiscal year 1998 (as of June 30, 1998); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-230. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's annual report on activities under the Denton Program for the period July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-231. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-166 to 98-175); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-232. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-176 to 98-179); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-233. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the designation of a danger pay rate for Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-234. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report on the drawdown of articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense with respect to Presidential Determination 99-04; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-235. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documentation of Immigrants under the Immigration and Nationality Act—International Organization and NATO Civilian Employee Special Immigrants" (Public Notice 2935) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-236. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Passports and Visas Not Required for Certain Nonimmigrants-VWPP" (Public Notice 2939) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-237. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Regulations Regarding Public Charge Requirements under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended" (Public Notice 2903) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-238. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the President's intent to draw down articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense to provide critical disaster relief for Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-239. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the President's intent to draw down additional articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense (up to \$45,000,000) to provide critical disaster relief for Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-240. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the drawdown of articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Department of Defense with respect to Presidential Determination 99-03; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-241. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Documentation of Nonimmigrants Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended—Waiver by Secretary of State and Attorney General of Passport and/or Visa Requirements for Certain Categories of Nonimmigrants" (Public Notice 2926) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-242. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the texts of International Labor Organization Convention No. 181 and Recommendation No. 188 Concerning Private Employment Agencies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-243. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of a routine military retirement in the Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-244. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, notice of a routine military retirement in the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-245. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the current Department of Defense mail order pharmacy program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-246. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the effective use and costs of the civilian voluntary separation incentive pay program for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-247. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Civil Engineering, Transportation, and Library functions at Edwards Air Force Base, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-248. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Civil Engineering functions at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-249. A communication from the Deputy Director of the Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Civil Engineering functions at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-250. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Supply and Transportation functions at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-251. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Civil Engineering functions at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-252. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a cost comparison of the Base supply functions at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-253. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Competition Exception for International Agreements" (DFARS Case 97-D324) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-254. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Hazardous Waste Disposal" (DFARS Case 98-D301) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-255. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Service Contracts that Cross Fiscal Years" (DFARS Case 97-D328) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-256. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Waiver Authority to Support Humanitarian or Peacekeeping Operations" (DFARS Case 97-D319) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-257. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Short Form Research Contract" (DFARS Case 97-D030) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-258. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Architectural and Engineering Services and Construction Design" (DFARS Case 98-D313) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-259. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Adoption of Interim Rules as Final Rules Without Change" (DFARS Case 98-D313) received on November 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-260. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Reform of Affirmative Action in Federal Procurement, Part II" (DFARS Case 98-D021) received on November 24, 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-261. A communication from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Offenses Subject to Sex Offender Release Notification" (RIN1120-AA85) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-262. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 1999" (RIN0651-AA96) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-263. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule "Temporary Protected Status, Exception to Registration Deadlines" (RIN1115-AC30) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-264. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Institute of Justice's annual report for 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-265. A communication from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Instant Criminal Background Check System Regulation" (RIN1105-AA51) received on November 18, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-266. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensation of Certain Former

Operatives Incarcerated by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam" (RIN0790-AG67) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-267. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "DoD Freedom of Information Act Program Regulation" (RIN0790-AG58) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-268. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual Horse Protection Enforcement Report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-269. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of WIC Mandates of Public Law 103-448, the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994 and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994" (RIN0584-AC02) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-270. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "American Indian Livestock Feed Program" (RIN0560-AF29) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-271. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Designation of the State of Minnesota with Respect to the Inspection of Meat and Meat Food Products" (Docket 98-048F) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-272. A communication from the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clear Title—Protection for Purchasers of Farm Products" (RIN0580-AA63) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-273. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requests for Exemptive, No-Action and Interpretative Letters" received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-274. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding adverse registration actions by the National Futures Association received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-275. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Cotton and ELS Cotton Crop Insurance Provisions" (RIN0563-AB62) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-276. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions" (RIN0563-AB69) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-277. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish potatoes Grown in Colorado; Exemption From Area No. 2 handling Regulation for Potatoes Shipped for Experimentation and the Manufacture or Conversion into Specific Products" (Docket FV98-948-2 FIR) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-278. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA); Renewal of License" (Docket FV98-359) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-279. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding compensation for certain Michigan Cherry Industry Administrative Board Public Members (Docket FV97-930-2 FR) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-280. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High-Temperature Forced-Air Treatments for Citrus" (Docket 96-069-2) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-281. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Disease Status of Belgium, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, and Spain" (Docket 97-086-2) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-282. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fruits and Vegetables" (Docket 97-107-2) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-283. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruit from Hawaii" (Docket 97-005-2) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-284. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Coffee" (Docket 97-011-2) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-285. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mediterranean Fruit Fly; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Docket 98-083-3) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-286. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Requiring Manufacturers to Assess the Safety and Effectiveness

of New Drugs and Biological Products in Pediatric Patients" (RIN0910-AB20) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-287. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dissemination of Information on Unapproved/New Uses for Marketed Drugs, Biologics, and Devices" (RIN0910-AB23) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-288. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-289. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Class Exemption Relating to Certain Employee Benefit Plan; Foreign Exchange Transactions Executed Pursuant to Standing Instructions" (Exemption 98-54) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-290. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 3-95, Change 2" received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-291. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standards for Reporting Daily Inspections of Surface Coal Mines; Technical Amendment" (RIN1219-AB15) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-292. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Special Disabled Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans" (RIN1215-AA62) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-293. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination Obligations of Contractors and Subcontractors Regarding Individuals With Disabilities" (RIN1215-AB19) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-294. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permit-Required Confined Spaces" (RIN1218-AA51) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-295. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Powered Industrial Truck Operator Training" (RIN1218-AB33) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-296. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" Received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-297. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment of Premiums" (RIN1212-AA79) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-298. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-299. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans" received on November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-300. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Natamycin (Pimaricin)" (Docket 98F-0063) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-301. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; White Mineral Oil, USP" (Docket 94F-0454) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-302. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Investigational Device Exemptions" (RIN0910-ZA14) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-303. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Warning and Notice Statement: Labeling of Juice Products; Correction" (RIN0910-AA43) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-304. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Reclassification of the Tweezer-Type Epilator" (Docket 97N-0199) received on October 29, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-305. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Exemptions From Premarket Notification; Class II Devices" (Docket 98-0015) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-306. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration,

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Humanitarian Use of Devices" (Docket 98N-0171) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-307. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Labeling: Health Claims; Reopening of Comment Period" received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-308. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (Colorant)" (Docket 96F-0214) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-309. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Date of Approval of an Abbreviated New Drug Application" (Docket 85N-0214) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-310. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings" (Docket 97F-0428) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-311. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of the Apgar Timer, Lice Removal Kit, and Infusion Stand" (Docket 98N-0087) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-312. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (Colorant)" (Docket 98F-0432) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-313. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over the Counter Drug Products Containing Analgesic/Antipyretic Active Ingredients for Internal Use; Required Alcohol Warning" (Docket 77N-094W) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-314. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers (Stabilizer)" (Docket 98F-0292) received on October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-315. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Manage-

ment Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the labeling of aspirin products for over-the-counter use (RIN0910-AA01) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-316. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket 98F-0054) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-317. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dental Devices; Classification of Sulfide Detection Device" (Docket 98P-0731) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-318. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tamper Evident Packaging Requirements for Over-the-Counter Human Drug Products" (Docket 92N-0314) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-319. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding professional labeling of over-the-counter aspirin products (Docket 77N-094A) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-320. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Practices and Procedures; Internal Review of Decisions" (Docket 98N-0361) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-321. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components" (Docket 96F-0401) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-322. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding mutual recognition of certain reports on pharmaceutical goods and medical devices between the United States and the European Community (RIN0910-ZA11) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-323. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (Docket 96F-0489) received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-324. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" received on November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-325. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) for the period from May 30, 1998 through November 29, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-326. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Burma (Executive Order 13047) dated November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-327. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report continuing the national emergency with respect to Sudan (Executive Order 13067) dated October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-328. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report continuing the national emergency with respect to Iran (Executive Order 12170) dated November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-329. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan (Executive Order 13067) dated November 6, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-330. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Iran (Executive Order 12170) dated November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-331. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to weapons of mass destruction (Executive Order 12938) dated November 12, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-332. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-333. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "1998 Report on Foreign Treatment of U.S. Financial Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-334. A communication from the Chief Counsel of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iraqi Sanctions Regulations" dated November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-335. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket FEMA-7269) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-336. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement on certain transactions involving U.S. Exports to Chile dated November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-337. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisal Standards for Federally Regulated Transactions" (Docket R-0990) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-338. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding amendments to the System's Regulations H, K, O, Y, the Rules of Practice for Hearings, and Rules Regarding Delegation of Authority (Docket R-1021) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations; Conforming Revisions to the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Items and Revisions to Antiterrorism Controls" (RIN0694-AB35) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-340. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on two Notices of Funds Availability dated November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-341. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Investment Cash Advance Programs" (RIN3069-AA75) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-342. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Standby Letters of Credit" (RIN3069-AA61) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-343. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election of Federal Home Loan Bank Directors" (RIN3069-AA55) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-344. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Management Policies; Financial Derivatives" (RIN1550-AB13) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-345. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Operations" (RIN1550-AB00) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-346. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessments and Fees" (RIN1550-AB20) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-347. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Rule Filing Requirements for Self-Regulatory Organizations Regarding New Derivative Securities Products" (RIN3235-AH39) received on December 11, 1998; to the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-348. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Year 2000 Readiness Reports to be Made by Certain Non-Bank Transfer Agents" (RIN3235-AH42) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-349. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OTC Derivatives Dealers" (RIN3235-AH16) received on October 27, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-350. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Exchanges and Alternative Trading Systems" (RIN3235-AH41) received on December 11, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-351. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (63 FR 58319) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-352. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (63 FR 59316) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-353. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (Docket FEMA-7699) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-354. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (63 FR 55037) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-355. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (63 FR 58321) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-356. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Countervailing Duties" (RIN0625-AA45) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-357. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Limited Additional Opportunity to Request Certain Hospital Wage Data Revisions for FY 1999" (RIN0938-AJ26) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-358. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Rules for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Under

the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act" (RIN0938-A117) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-359. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Trade and Employment Effects of the Andean Trade Preference Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-360. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Trade and Employment Effects of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-361. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the United States Government Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-362. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 98-62) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-363. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Taxpayer Advance Pricing Agreements" (Notice 98-65) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-364. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Long-Term Care Insurance Contracts" (RIN1545-AV56) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-365. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Charitable Remainder Trusts and Special Valuation Rules for Transfers of Interests in Trusts" (RIN1545-AU25) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-366. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of a Real Estate Investment Trust" (Rev. Rul. 98-60) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-367. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Reasonable Basis" (RIN1545-AU38) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-368. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interest Rate" (Rev. Rul. 98-61) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-369. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternative Identifying Numbers for Income Tax Return Preparers" (Notice 98-63) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-370. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Rules for Certain Transactions Where Stated Principal Amount

Does Not Exceed \$2,800,000" (Rev. Rul. 98-58) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-371. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Loans with Below-Market Interest Rates" (Rev. Rul. 98-59) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-372. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action on Decision in Fluor v. United States" (Docket 96-5130) received on November 24, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-373. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Returns Relating to Higher Education Tuition and Related Expenses" (Notice 98-59) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-374. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Accounting Periods and in Methods of Accounting" (Rev. Proc. 98-58) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-375. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cafeteria Plans Election Changes" (Announcement 98-105) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-376. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "D.C. Enterprise Zone / Census Tracts" (Notice 98-57) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-377. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taxation of DISC Income to Shareholders" (Rev. Rul. 98-55) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-378. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Appeal of Adverse Determination of Tax-Exempt Status of Bond Issue" (Notice 98-58) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-379. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative, Procedural and Miscellaneous Rulings and Determination Letters (Roth IRAs)" (Rev. Proc. 98-59) received on November 30, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-380. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Accounting Periods and in Methods of Accounting" (Rev. Proc. 98-60) received on December 11, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-381. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offering and Governing Regulations for United States Savings Bonds, Series I; Issuing and

Paying Agents; and Payments Under Special Endorsement" received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-382. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations for the Issue and Offering of United States Savings Bonds, Including Sales by Electronic Means" received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-383. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rules on Application of State Law in Determining Child Relationship" (RIN0960-AE30) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-384. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permit the Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to Collect Information Needed to Assign Social Security Numbers to Aliens" (RIN0960-AE36) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-385. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listening-In to or Recording Telephone Conversations" (RIN0960-AE66) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-386. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report on nondisclosure of safeguards information for the period from July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-387. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on mixed wastes for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-388. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds" (RIN1018-AE93) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-389. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Progress Made in Implementing Sections 6016 and 1038 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-390. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to list the Arkansas River Basin Population of the Arkansas River Shiner (*Notropis girardi*) as Threatened" (RIN1018-AC62) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-391. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to list the Topeka Shiner as Endangered" (RIN1018-AB42) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-392. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, transmitting, a recommendation relative to the flood damage reduction project at Wood River, Grand Island, Nebraska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the construction of a navigation lock in the Houma Navigation Canal, Morganza, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Naval Restricted Area, Naval Station Annapolis, Maryland" received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-395. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, transmitting, a report recommending a flood damage reduction project along the Red Lake River at Crookston, Minnesota; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-396. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criticality Accident Requirements" (RIN3150-AF87) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-397. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding examination requirements for certain reactor pressure vessel welds (Letter 98-05) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-398. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program" (MD 5.6) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-399. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlined Hearing Process for NRC Approval of License Transfers" (RIN3150-AG09) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-400. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland—General Conformity Rule" (FRL6197-3) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-401. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Stage II Vapor Recovery Comparability Plan" (FRL6199-3) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-402. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision: South Coast Air Quality Management District, San Diego County Air Pollution Con-

trol District, and Kern County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6195-7) received on December 7, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-403. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Interim Final Determination of Correction of Deficiencies in 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress and Contingency Plans; Rhode Island" (FRL6192-7) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-404. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware and District of Columbia; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference" (FRL6193-6) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-405. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress and Contingency Plans; Vapor Recovery Controls for Gasoline Distribution and Dispensing" (FRL6196-1) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-406. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, San Diego Air Pollution Control District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6195-8) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-407. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Air Pollution From Motor Vehicles and New Motor Vehicle Engines; Modification of Federal On-board Diagnostic Regulations for Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks; Extension of Acceptance of California OBD II Requirements" (FRL6196-4) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-408. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6197-1) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-409. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Kentucky" (FRL6192-1) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-410. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Interim En-

hanced Surface Water Treatment" (FRL6199-9) received on December 11, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-411. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Worker Protection Standard; Respirator Designations" (FRL6022-3) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-412. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding clarification of emission standards for synthetic organic chemical manufacture and certain other processes (FRL6197-8) received on December 2, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-413. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reportable Quantities: Removal of Caprolactam From the List of CERCLA Hazardous Substances" (FRL6202-4) received on December 10, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-414. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tralkoxydim; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL6048-4) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-415. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6048-1) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-416. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Copper Ammonium Complex; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6048-5) received on December 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-417. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water: Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts" (FRL6199-8) received on December 11, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-418. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Approval of Revisions to the South Carolina SIP Regarding Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Definition Adoptions" (FRL6197-6) received on December 1, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-419. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Any Edible Food Commodity Used as a Pesticide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6039-5) received on December 1, 1998; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-420. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Triasulfuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6040-4) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-421. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6036-3) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-422. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Uses for Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL6033-6) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-423. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Primisulfuron-Methyl; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6041-3) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-424. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6045-3) received on November 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-425. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL6044-6) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-426. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carfentrazonethyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6040-7) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-427. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxytrobin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6045-4) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-428. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6134-3) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-429. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New

York" (FRL6193-5) received on November 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-430. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiabendazole; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6044-5) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-431. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Myclobutanil; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6046-9) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-432. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metolachlor; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6038-4) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-433. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions; Correction" (FRL6043-6) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-434. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cymoxanil; Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6038-5) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-435. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6194-5) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-436. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of VOC and NOx RACT Determinations for Individual Sources" (FRL6194-3) received on November 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-437. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Zinc Phosphide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6046-1) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-438. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL6198-9) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-439. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations" (FRL6192-8) received on December 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-440. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Permits and Sulfur Dioxide Allowance System Regulations Under Title IV of the Clean Air Act: Allowance Transfer Deadline and Signature Requirements" (FRL6201-3) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-441. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning" (FRL6201-2) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-442. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Maine; Plan for Controlling MWC Emissions From Existing MWC Plants" (FRL6201-1) received on December 8, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-443. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Illinois; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" (FRL6191-1) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-444. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(1) Program of Delegation; Michigan" (FRL6189-8) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-445. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations" (FRL6192-8) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-446. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hydramethylnon; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6040-9) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-447. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Residential Wood Heaters" (FRL6192-9) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-448. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebufenozide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6041-4) received on November 19, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-449. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Washington" (FRL6188-1) received on November 13, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-450. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(1), Delegation of Authority to Three Local Air Agencies in Washington" (FRL6187-8) received on November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-451. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Requirements in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs" received on November 12, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-452. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Alternative Analytical Test Methods in the Reformulated Gasoline Program and Revision of the Specification for the Mixing Chamber Associated with Animal Toxicity Testing of Fuels and Fuel Additives" (FRL6187-6) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-453. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Georgia" (FRL6187-4) received on November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-454. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Solvents" (FRL6185-3) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-455. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL6185-1) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-456. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of New Jersey; Clean Fuel Fleet Opt Out"

(FRL6174-4) received on November 4, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-457. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Alabama" (FRL6188-9) received on November 10, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-458. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Plan Requirements for Large Municipal Waste Combustors Constructed on or Before September 20, 1994" (FRL6185-4) received on November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-459. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Revised Format for Materials Being Incorporated by Reference" (FRL6168-5) received on November 5, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-460. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans, Texas; Recodification of, and Revisions to the State Implementation Plan; Chapter 114; Correction of Effective Date Under the Congressional Review Act" (FRL6182-9) received on October 29, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-461. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Oklahoma" (FRL6183-5) received on October 30, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-462. A communication from the General Counsel of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a vacancy in the Office of Management and Budget's office of Controller received on December 14, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-463. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Committee's combined report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-464. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated October 26, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-465. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated November 9, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-466. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of additions to the Committee's Procurement List dated November 17, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-467. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of additions to and deletions from the Committee's Procurement List dated November 24, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-468. A communication from the Director of the Office of Governmental Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Paperwork Revisions to Model Qualified Trust Certificates of Independence and Compliance" (RIN3209-AA00) received on October 28, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-469. A communication from the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on amendments to the Jury Plan for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-470. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Disenrollment" (RIN3206-AH61) received on November 2, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-471. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary and Term Employment" (RIN3206-AH47) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-472. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction in Force Offers of Vacant Positions" (RIN3206-AH95) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-473. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Philadelphia, PA, and New York, NY, Appropriated Fund Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AI30) received on November 16, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 3. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 4. A resolution relative to Rule 16; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOMENICI):

S. Res. 5. A resolution to establish procedures for the consideration of emergency legislation in the Senate; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the

order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

S. Res. 6. A resolution to reform the Senate's consideration of budget measures; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committees on the Budget and Governmental Affairs, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 7. A resolution to amend Senate Resolution 208 of the 105th Congress to increase funding of the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology-related Problems; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. BYRD)):

S. Res. 8. A resolution amending rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to amendments to general appropriation bills; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 9. A resolution to make effective reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 10. A resolution to make effective reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

SENATE RESOLUTION 1—INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 1

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

SENATE RESOLUTION 2—INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT A QUORUM OF THE SENATE IS ASSEMBLED

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 2

Resolved, That a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled and that the Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

SENATE RESOLUTION 3—FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 3

Resolved, That the hour of daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

SENATE RESOLUTION 4—RELATIVE TO RULE XVI

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 4

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any precedent to the contrary, the prohibition against legislative proposals contained in Rule 16 shall be enforced by the Chair.

SENATE RESOLUTION 5—TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOMENICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977:

S. RES. 5

Resolved, SECTION 1. CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

(a) DESIGNATIONS.—

(1) GUIDANCE.—In the Senate for purposes of making a designation of a provision of legislation as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the committee report, if any, accompanying such legislation, shall analyze whether a proposed emergency requirement meets all the criteria in paragraph (2).

(2) CRITERIA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A proposed expenditure or tax change is an emergency requirement if it is—

- (i) necessary, essential, or vital (not merely useful or beneficial);
- (ii) sudden, quickly coming into being, and not building up over time;
- (iii) an urgent, pressing, and compelling need requiring immediate action;
- (iv) subject to subparagraph (B), unforeseen, unpredictable, and unanticipated; and
- (v) not permanent, temporary in nature.

(B) UNFORESEEN.—An emergency that is part of an aggregate level of anticipated emergencies, particularly when normally estimated in advance, is not unforeseen.

(3) JUSTIFICATION FOR FAILURE TO MEET CRITERIA.—If the proposed emergency requirement does not meet all the criteria set forth in paragraph (2), the committee report accompanying such legislation shall provide a justification of why the requirement is an emergency.

(b) POINT OF ORDER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is considering a bill, resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report, upon a point of order being made by a Senator against any provision in that measure designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Presiding Officer sustains that point of order, that provision along with the language making the designation shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered as an amendment from the floor.

(2) EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.—When the Senate is considering an emergency supplemental appropriations bill, an amendment thereto, a motion thereto, or a conference report therefrom, upon a point of order being made by a Senator against any provision in that measure that is not designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985

and the Presiding Officer sustains that point of order, that provision shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered as an amendment from the floor.

(c) WAIVER.—Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) may be waived in the Senate only by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

(d) APPEAL.—Appeals in the Senate from the decisions of the Chair relating to any provision of this resolution shall be limited to 1 hour of debate, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the appellant and the manager of the legislation. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this resolution.

(e) DEFINITION.—In this resolution, the term "emergency supplemental appropriations bill" means a bill or joint resolution appropriating funds in addition to those enacted in the appropriations Act for that year as defined in section 105 of title 1, United States Code.

SENATE RESOLUTION 6—TO REFORM THE SENATE CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET MEASURES

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOMENICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977:

S. RES. 6

Resolved, SECTION 1. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET MEASURES IN THE SENATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 305 (b) and (c) and section 310(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, budget resolutions and reconciliation legislation shall be considered in the Senate under the procedures set forth in this resolution.

(b) PROCEDURE IN SENATE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET.—

(1) LEGISLATION AVAILABLE.—It shall not be in order to proceed to the consideration of a concurrent resolution on the budget unless the text of that resolution has been available to Members for at least 1 calendar day (excluding Sundays and legal holidays unless the Senate is in session) prior to the consideration of the measure.

(2) TIME FOR DEBATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Debate in the Senate on any concurrent resolution on the budget, and all amendments thereto and debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 30 hours, except that with respect to any conference report on a concurrent resolution on the budget all such debate shall be limited to not more than 10 hours. Of this 30 hours, 10 hours shall be reserved for general debate on the resolution (including debate on economic goals and policies) and 20 hours shall be reserved for debate of amendments, motions, and appeals. The time for general debate shall be equally divided between, and controlled by, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees.

(B) DISPOSITION OF AMENDMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS.—After no more than 30 hours of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget, the Senate shall, except as provided in subparagraph (C), proceed, without any further action or debate on any question, to vote on the final disposition thereof.

(C) ACTION PERMITTED AFTER 30 HOURS.—After no more than 30 hours of debate on the

concurrent resolution on the budget, the only further action in order shall be disposition of—

(i) all amendments then pending before the Senate;

(ii) all points of order arising under this Act which have been previously raised; and

(iii) motions to reconsider and 1 quorum call on demand to establish the presence of a quorum (and motions required to establish a quorum) immediately before the final vote begins.

Disposition shall include raising points of order against pending amendments, motions to table, and motions to waive.

(3) AMENDMENTS.—

(A) DEBATE.—Debate in the Senate on any amendment to a concurrent resolution on the budget shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the concurrent resolution, and debate on any amendment to an amendment, debatable motion, or appeal shall be limited to 30 minutes, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the concurrent resolution, except that in the event the manager of the concurrent resolution is in favor of any such amendment, motion, or appeal, the time in opposition thereto shall be controlled by the Minority Leader or his designee. No amendment that is not germane to the provisions of that concurrent resolution shall be received. An amendment that includes precatory language shall not be considered germane. Such leaders, or either of them, may, from the time for general debate under their control on the adoption of the concurrent resolution, allot additional time to any Senator during the consideration of any amendment, debatable motion, or appeal.

(B) FILING OF AMENDMENTS.—Except by unanimous consent, no amendment shall be proposed after 15 hours of debate of a concurrent resolution on the budget have elapsed, unless it has been submitted in writing to the Journal Clerk by the 15th hour if an amendment in the first degree (or if a complete substitute for the underlying measure), and unless it has been so submitted by the 20th hour if an amendment to an amendment (or an amendment to the language proposed to be stricken).

(C) LIMIT ON OFFERING AMENDMENTS.—No Senator shall call up more than a total of 2 amendments until every other Senator shall have had the opportunity to do likewise.

(D) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF SECOND DEGREE AMENDMENTS.—No more than a total of 2 consecutive amendments to any amendment may be offered by either the majority or minority party.

(4) DEBATE.—General debate time may only be yielded back by unanimous consent and a motion to further limit the time for general debate shall be debatable for 30 minutes. A motion to recommit (except a motion to recommit with instructions to report back within a specified number of days, not to exceed 3, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session) is not in order. Debate on any such motion to recommit shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the concurrent resolution.

(5) MATHEMATICAL CONSISTENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other rule, and except as provided in subparagraph (B), an amendment or series of amendments to a concurrent resolution on the budget proposed in the Senate shall always be in order only if such amendment or series of amendments proposes to change any figure or figures then contained in such concurrent resolution so as to make such concurrent resolution mathematically con-

sistent or so as to maintain such consistency.

(B) EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS.—Once an amendment to an amendment (which is a complete substitute for the underlying amendment) has been agreed to, no further amendments to the underlying amendment shall be in order.

(C) ACTION ON CONFERENCE REPORTS IN THE SENATE.—

(1) MOTION TO PROCEED.—A motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on any concurrent resolution on the budget (or a reconciliation bill or resolution) may be made even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to.

(2) CONSIDERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—During the consideration in the Senate of the conference report (or a message between Houses) on any concurrent resolution on the budget, and all amendments in disagreement, and all amendments thereto, and debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, debate shall be limited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees. Debate on any debatable motion or appeal related to the conference report (or a message between Houses) shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the conference report (or a message between Houses).

(B) DISPOSITION.—After no more than 10 hours of debate on the conference report (or message between Houses) accompanying a concurrent resolution on the budget, and all amendments in disagreement, and all amendments thereto, the Senate shall, except as provided in subparagraph (C), proceed, without any further action or debate on any question, to vote on the final disposition thereof.

(C) ACTION PERMITTED AFTER 10 HOURS.—After no more than 10 hours of debate on the conference report (or message between the Houses) accompanying a concurrent resolution on the budget, and all amendments in disagreement, and all amendments thereto, the only further action in order shall be disposition of: all amendments then pending before the Senate; all points of order arising under this Act which have been previously raised; and motions to reconsider and 1 quorum call on demand to establish the presence of a quorum (and motions required to establish a quorum) immediately before the final vote begins. Disposition shall include raising points of order against pending amendments, motions to table, and motions to waive.

(3) CONFERENCE REPORT DEFEATED.—Should the conference report be defeated, debate on any request for a new conference and the appointment of conferees shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the manager of the conference report and the Minority Leader or his designee, and should any motion be made to instruct the conferees before the conferees are named, debate on that motion shall be limited to one-half hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the conference report. Debate on any amendment to any such instructions shall be limited to 20 minutes, to be equally divided between and controlled by the mover and the manager of the conference report. In all cases when the manager of the conference report is in favor of any motion, appeal, or amendment, the time in opposition shall be under the control of the minority leader or his designee.

(4) AMENDMENTS IN DISAGREEMENT.—In any case in which there are amendments in disagreement, time on each amendment shall be limited to 30 minutes, to be equally di-

vided between, and controlled by, the manager of the conference report and the Minority Leader or his designee. No amendment that is not germane to the provisions of such amendments shall be received.

(d) RECONCILIATION LEGISLATION.—The provisions of this resolution for the consideration in the Senate of concurrent resolutions on the budget and conference reports thereon, except for the provisions of subsection (b)(5)(B), shall also apply to the consideration in the Senate of reconciliation bills considered under section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and conference reports thereon.

SENATE RESOLUTION 7—TO INCREASE FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY-RELATED PROBLEMS

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. BENNETT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That section 5(a)(1) of Senate Resolution 208, agreed to April 2, 1998 (105th Congress), as amended by Senate Resolution 231, agreed to May 18, 1998, is amended by—

- (1) striking “\$575,000” both places it appears and inserting “\$875,000”; and
- (2) striking “\$200,000” and inserting “\$500,000”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 8—AMENDING RULE XVI OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. STEVENS for himself and Mr. BYRD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 8

Resolved, That rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

“RULE XVI

“APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

“1. On a point of order made by any Senator, no amendments shall be received to any appropriations bill the effect of which will be to increase an appropriation already contained in the bill, or to add a new item of appropriation, unless it be made to carry out the provisions of some existing law, or treaty stipulation, or act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session; or unless the same be moved by direction of the Committee on Appropriations or of a committee of the Senate having legislative jurisdiction of the subject matter, or proposed in pursuance of an estimate submitted in accordance with law.

“2. The Committee on Appropriations shall not report an appropriations bill or an appropriations bill containing amendments to such bill proposing new or general legislation, or any restriction on the expenditure of the funds appropriated which proposes a limitation not authorized by law if such restriction is to take effect or cease to be effective upon the happening of a contingency, and if any such appropriations bill is reported to the Senate, a point of order may be made against the bill, and if the point is sustained, the bill shall be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations. This paragraph may

be waived only by the affirmative vote of those Senators present and voting. No debate shall be allowed on a motion to waive the application of this paragraph. No appeal from a ruling of the Chair under this paragraph shall negate its future application unless the Senate specifically amends this paragraph.

"3. All amendments to appropriations bills moved by direction of a committee having legislative jurisdiction of the subject matter proposing to increase an appropriation already contained in the bill, or to add new items of appropriation, shall, at least one day before they are considered, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and when actually proposed to the bill no amendment proposing to increase the amount stated in such amendment shall be received on a point of order made by any Senator.

"4. (a) Upon a point of order made by any Senator against a provision of legislation contained in an amendment to an appropriations bill, and if the point of order is sustained by the Chair, any such Senate amendment shall fall. This subparagraph may be waived only by the affirmative vote of those Senators present and voting. No debate shall be allowed on a motion to waive the application of this subparagraph. No appeal from a ruling of the Chair under this subparagraph shall negate its future application unless the Senate specifically amends this subparagraph.

"(b) No amendment not germane or relevant to the subject matter contained in the bill shall be received; nor shall any amendment to any item or clause of such bill be received which does not directly relate thereto; nor shall any restriction on the expenditure of the funds appropriated which proposes a limitation not authorized by law be received if such restriction is to take effect or cease to be effective upon the happening of a contingency; and all questions of germaneness or relevancy of amendments under this rule, when raised, shall be ruled upon by the Presiding Officer, unless the provisions of this subparagraph are waived by a majority of the Senate. All proceedings dealing with germaneness or relevancy shall be decided without debate; and any such amendment or restriction on appropriations bill may be laid on the table without prejudice to the bill.

"5. On a point of order made by any Senator, no amendment, the object of which is to provide for a private claim, shall be received to any appropriations bill, unless it be to carry out the provisions of an existing law or a treaty stipulation, which shall be cited on the face of the amendment.

"6. When a point of order is made against any restriction on the expenditure of funds appropriated in an appropriations bill on the ground that the restriction violates this rule, the rule shall be construed strictly and, in case of doubt, in favor of the point of order.

"7. Every report on appropriations bills filed by the Committee on Appropriations shall identify with particularity each recommended amendment which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.

"8. On a point of order made by any Senator, no appropriations bill or amendment thereto shall be received or considered if it contains a provision reappropriating unexpended balances of appropriations; except that this provision shall not apply to appropriations in continuation of appropriations for public works on which work has commenced.

"9. A motion to proceed to an appropriations bill shall, when it is otherwise in order, be nondebatable.

"10. (a) When the Senate is considering a conference report or an amendment between Houses on an appropriations bill, upon a point of order being made by any Senator against any legislative provision or provisions extraneous to the provisions that were committed to conference in disagreement between the Houses, and if the point of order is sustained in whole or in part by the Chair, such legislative provision or provisions on such appropriations bill shall be stricken from the conference report or the amendment between Houses. Such point of order may be made notwithstanding the fact that another point of order under this paragraph has been made against the same conference report.

"(b) Matters to be considered extraneous are any significant legislative provision not addressed in either version of the bill committed to the conference or any appropriations bill not committed to the conference, but such legislative provision shall not be considered extraneous if it qualifies, limits, or authorizes spending contained in the bill. Any vetoed appropriations bill or modifications thereof shall not be considered extraneous nor shall any provision providing funds pursuant to an authorizing bill passed after the appropriations bill.

"(c) If any such point of order is sustained, such legislative material contained in such conference report or amendment between Houses shall be stricken, and the Senate shall proceed, without intervening action or motion, to consider the question of whether the Senate shall recede from its amendment and concur with a further amendment, or concur in the House amendment with a further amendment, as the case may be, which further amendment shall consist of only that portion of the conference report or amendment between Houses not so stricken. In any case in which such point of order is sustained against a conference report (or Senate amendment derived from such conference report by operation of this subparagraph), no further amendment shall be in order. However, an amendment between Houses against which a point of order was sustained under this subparagraph shall if otherwise amendable, remain amendable.

"(d) This paragraph may be waived only by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn. Debate on a motion to waive the provisions of this paragraph shall be limited to 2 hours. Any appeal from a ruling of the Chair under this paragraph shall require an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn to overturn such ruling of the Chair. No appeal from a ruling of the Chair under this paragraph shall negate its future application unless the Senate specifically amends this paragraph."

SENATE RESOLUTION 9—TO MAKE EFFECTIVE REAPPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the reappointment of Thomas B. Griffith to be Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 1999, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

SENATE RESOLUTION 10—TO MAKE EFFECTIVE REAPPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 10

Resolved, That the reappointment of Morgan J. Frankel to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel made by the President pro tempore this day is effective as of January 3, 1999, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

FEDERAL VACANCIES REFORM ACT

• Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, the Federal Vacancies Reform Act was passed as part of the omnibus appropriations bill. As reported by the Governmental Affairs Committee, and as confirmed in all the statements made when the bill passed the Senate, section 3347 of that statute made clear that so-called vesting and delegation statutes allowing the heads of departments to delegate duties to other officials in their departments do not constitute statutes providing for the filling of a specific vacant position that the law retains in lieu of the procedures contained in the Federal Vacancies Reform Act. The vesting and delegation statutes were cross-referenced to not fall within the statutes that subparagraph (a)(2) of the bill retained. While that was the appropriate cross-reference as the bill was reported, subsequent language changes made to clarify the issue altered the numbering of the subsections, but the earlier cross-reference was retained. As is obvious by reading the statements and the statutory language itself, the clear intent was to state that vesting and delegation statutes fall not within subsection (a)(2), which relates to recess appointments, but to subsection (a)(1), statutes that provide for the temporary filling of specific positions. We will make a technical change to the language next year, as the urgency of the legislation sent this bill directly to the President for his signature without the chance to make that technical correction. There is no question that the vesting and delegation statutes do not constitute provisions for the temporary appointment of specific officers, even without the crossreference, which was designed to be even more emphatic. •

IN MEMORY OF KEITH PUTNAM

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, today I want to call attention to a brave and selfless deed by a heroic young man from Hanahan, South Carolina. On August 6, 15-year-old Keith Putnam sacrificed his own life to save two women

and a small child from a speeding train.

When Keith saw Maurica Hovey, her 3-year-old son John, and her friend Layonee Phillips stuck in the path of an oncoming train, he did what all of us hope we would have the courage to do in such a situation: he leapt from his truck and raced to aid those in danger. After saving Maurica, John, and Layonee, Keith returned to the abandoned car to make sure no one was left inside. At the moment he approached the car, the onrushing train slammed into it, sending it careening into Keith and fatally wounding him. Thanks to Keith's quick thinking and heroic action, all three of the people he saved from the train escaped without harm.

Mr. President, I have seen many heroic acts in my lifetime, in World War II and in peacetime, but I don't believe I have ever seen a young man who has been more respected by his community than Keith Putnam. In every way, he was a model citizen. Just before his death, Keith had been made an usher at Peace Lutheran Church, which he attended every Sunday. A great patriot, Keith was dedicated to his country as well as his neighbors. In fact, he planned to attend my alma mater, The Citadel, and then serve as a pilot in the Air Force.

Perhaps what was most noteworthy about Keith, especially in this day and age, was his willingness to help his neighbors and even total strangers without ever thinking of himself or asking for anything in return. Keith was committed to public service through large and small acts, whether helping strangers carry groceries to their cars or saving them from a fatal train collision. Since his death, his community has seen an incredible outpouring of emotion, as his neighbors, friends, and family express their grief at the loss of such an admirable and caring young man.

Today, Mr. President, I would like to add my voice to theirs. It was not my privilege to know Keith Putnam personally, but his heroism and generosity are an inspiration and an example to us all. I hope the tremendous admiration everyone felt for Keith, and the knowledge that their son's life was exemplary in every way possible, will be of some comfort to Keith's family in their trying time of grief.●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT DENNIS W. FINCH

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay homage to Sergeant Dennis W. Finch of the Traverse City Police Department. Sergeant Finch was not only a great family man, police officer, and Michigander, he was a great American. The day of May thirteenth 1998 will forever be a day of mourning for the Traverse City community, a tragic day that will leave an indelible change on the fabric of life in Traverse City. Sergeant Finch lost his life in the line of duty, protecting a community that he

loved. His dedication and pride is a testament to the extremely difficult and admirable role that police officers play in this country. Sergeant Finch protected us proudly with the shield of the Traverse City Police Department, and we will be forever thankful.

Sergeant Finch lived the life of hero, before becoming a Traverse City Police Officer. Dennis served proudly in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. Dennis distinguished himself as a soldier, and was a decorated combat veteran. In his thirty years of service to the Traverse City Police Department, Sergeant Finch was the Department's most senior Sergeant. He was a command officer in both the Investigative Services Division and the Patrol Division for twenty-four years.

During this difficult time, my thoughts and prayers go out to Sergeant Finch's family, friends and all police officers who risk their lives every day in this country. Thank you and God bless.●

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 1999 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAAT EXCHANGE

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, since 1983, the United States Congress and the German legislature have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and convey Members' views on issues of mutual concern.

A staff delegation from the United States Congress will be selected to visit Germany May 22 to June 5 of this year. During the two week exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag Members, Bundestag party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Cultural activities and a weekend visit in a Bundestag Member's district will complete the schedule.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for three weeks this summer. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Congressional Members.

The Congress-Bundestag Exchange is highly regarded in Germany, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. The ongoing situation in the Persian Gulf, the expansion of NATO, the proposed expansion of the European Union, and the introduction of the Euro will make this year's exchange particularly relevant.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff members who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag sends senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern in Germany and the United States such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, immigration, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two Bundestag staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of U.S. Information Agency personnel and past participants of the exchange.

Senators and Representatives who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state why they believe they are qualified and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated. Applications may be sent to Connie Veillette in Congressman REGULA's office, 2309 Rayburn House Building by noon on Friday, March 12.●

A TRIBUTE TO GOFFSTOWN POLICE CHIEF MONIER

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Stephen R. Monier, Chief of Police for Goffstown, New Hampshire. Throughout Chief Monier's 28 year career with the Goffstown Police Department, he has continuously demonstrated all that is honorable about law enforcement and public service.

His professional and personal life have been characterized by excellence, leadership and service to others. The resume he has compiled is extraordinary. To no one's surprise, he graduated magna cum laude from St. Anselm College. After joining the police department, Chief Monier rose through its ranks, serving as Patrol Officer, Director of the Juvenile Division, Sergeant and Lieutenant before being appointed Chief on July 1, 1984. In addition, he is past President of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and served 9 years on the Council of New Hampshire Police Standards & Training. He is also a member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In a well-deserved honor, Chief Monier was selected to the 1996 Centennial Summer Olympics security team in Atlanta.

His service to others goes beyond law enforcement. Even while growing up,

this quality was apparent. At Goffstown High School, for example, he served as President of the Junior Class and President of the National Honor Society. This leadership continues to this day. Chief Monier is a past President and member of the Goffstown Chapter of Rotary International and a founding member of Crispin's House, a non-profit organization designed to assist at-risk youths and families. He has also been assistant coach for the Goffstown Youth Basketball League. In his spare time, Chief Monier coauthored "Crime of the Century," a fascinating account of the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby. Although following his example may be difficult to do, it is my hope that everyone will see the Chief as a role model.

Finally, I consider Steve Monier a true friend and someone whose advice and support I deeply value. I expect that I can continue to call on his wisdom. I wish him the very best as he moves onto the next challenge in his life. He will undoubtedly approach this phase with the same level of commitment and dedication that has marked his entire career. With this thought in mind, I wish to say thank you, Chief Monier.●

CLOVER TECHNOLOGIES GRAND OPENING

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Clover Technologies as they celebrate the Grand Opening Ceremonies for their new 93,000 square foot headquarters in Wixom, Michigan.

Established in 1952, Clover Technologies' new headquarters makes Clover one of the largest employers in Wixom with over 400 employees.

With the high-tech industry playing an increasingly important role in the Michigan economy, expansions such as this serve as a testament to the competitiveness of Michigan-based industries in the global market. Clover Technologies has proven that the right combination of quality and dedication can lead to a prosperous future.

The vision and leadership of Clover has made them an industry leader, and has enabled them, the employees of Clover, and others in the community to continue in sharing the American dream.

Their worldwide commitment to excellence in the automotive industry and customer service is to be commended.

I want to express my congratulations to Clover Technologies in recognition of the dedication of their new headquarters which was held on October 29, 1998. I send them best wishes in their future endeavors.●

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 106-1

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be re-

moved from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 6, 1999, by the President of the United States: The Hague Convention and Hague Protocol, Treaty Document No. 106-1.

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (the Convention) and, for accession, the Hague Protocol, concluded on May 14, 1954, and entered into force on August 7, 1956. Also enclosed for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State on the Convention and the Hague Protocol.

I also wish to take this opportunity to reiterate my support for the prompt approval of Protocol II Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, concluded at Geneva on June 10, 1977 (Protocol II). Protocol II, which deals with noninternational armed conflicts, or civil wars, was transmitted to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification in 1987 by President Reagan but has not been acted upon.

THE HAGUE CONVENTION

The Convention was signed by the United States on May 14, 1954, the same day it was concluded; however, it has not been submitted to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification until now.

The Hague Convention, to which more than 80 countries are party, elaborates on obligations contained in earlier treaties. It also establishes a regime for special protection of a highly limited category of cultural property. It provides both for preparations in peacetime for safeguarding cultural property against foreseeable effects of armed conflicts, and also for respecting such property in time of war or military occupation. In conformity with the customary practice of nations, the protection of cultural property is not absolute. If cultural property is used for military purposes, or in the event of imperative military necessity, the protection afforded by the Convention is waived, in accordance with the Convention's terms.

Further, the primary responsibility for the protection of cultural property rests with the party controlling that property, to ensure that the property is properly identified and that it is not used for an unlawful purpose.

The Hague Protocol, which was concluded on the same day as the Convention, but is a separate agreement, con-

tains provisions intended to prevent the exportation of cultural property from occupied territory. It obligates an occupying power to prevent the exportation of cultural property from territory it occupies, requires each party to take into its custody cultural property exported contrary to the Protocol, and requires parties to return such cultural property at the close of hostilities. However, as described in the report of the Secretary of State, there are concerns about the acceptability of Section I of the Hague Protocol. I therefore recommend that at the time of accession, the United States exercise its right under Section III of the Hague Protocol to declare that it will not be bound by the provisions of Section I.

The United States signed the Convention on May 14, 1954. Since that time, it has been subject to detailed inter-agency reviews. Based on these reviews, I have concluded that the United States should now become a party to the Convention and to the Hague Protocol, subject to the understandings and declaration contained in the report of the Department of State.

United States military policy and the conduct of operations are entirely consistent with the Convention's provisions. In large measure, the practices required by the Convention to protect cultural property were based upon the practices of U.S. military forces during World War II. A number of concerns that resulted in the original decision not to submit the Convention for advice and consent have not materialized in the decades of experience with the Convention since its entry into force. The minor concerns that remain relate to ambiguities in language that should be addressed through appropriate understandings, as set forth in the report of the Department of State.

I believe that ratification of the Convention and accession to the Protocol will underscore our long commitment, as well as our practice in combat, to protect the world's cultural resources.

I am also mindful of the international process underway for review of the Convention. By becoming a party, we will be in a stronger position to shape any proposed amendments and help ensure that U.S. interests are preserved.

I recommend, in light of these considerations, that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Convention and the Protocol and give its advice and consent to ratification and accession, subject to the understandings and declaration contained in the report of the Department of State.

PROTOCOL II ADDITIONAL

In his transmittal message dated January 29, 1987, President Reagan requested the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification of Protocol II. The Senate, however, did not act on Protocol II. I believe the Senate should not renew its consideration of this important law-of-war agreement.

Protocol II expands upon the fundamental humanitarian provisions contained in the 1949 Geneva Conventions

with respect to internal armed conflicts. Such internal conflicts have been the source of appalling civilian suffering, particularly over the last several decades. Protocol II is aimed specifically at ameliorating the suffering of victims of such internal conflicts and, in particular, is directed at protecting civilians who, as we have witnessed with such horror this very decade, all too often find themselves caught in the crossfire of such conflicts. Indeed, if Protocol II's fundamental rules were observed, many of the worst human tragedies of recent internal armed conflicts would have been avoided.

Because the United States traditionally has held a leadership position in matters relating to the law of war, our ratification would help give Protocol II the visibility and respect it deserves and would enhance efforts to further ameliorate the suffering of war's victims—especially, in this case, victims of internal armed conflicts.

I therefore recommend that the Senate renew its consideration of Protocol II Additional and give its advice and consent to ratification, subject to the understandings and reservations that are described fully in the report attached to the original January 29, 1987, transmittal message to the Senate.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 6, 1999.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—RELATING TO ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, pursuant to rule I of the Rules of Procedure and Practice When Sitting on Impeachment Trials, I ask unanimous consent that the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to receive the managers appointed by the House for the purpose of exhibiting articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, agreeably to the notice communicated to the Senate, and that at the hour of 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 7, 1999, the Senate will receive the honorable managers on the part of the House of Representatives in order that they may present and exhibit the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, pursuant to rules III and IV of the Rules of Procedure and Practice When Sitting on Impeachment Trials, I ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 1 p.m., on Thursday, January 7, 1999, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the articles of impeachment and that the Presiding Officer, through the Secretary of the Senate, notify the Chief Justice of the United States of the time and place fixed for consideration of the articles and requesting his at-

tendance as presiding officer pursuant to Article I, section 3, clause 6, of the U.S. Constitution.

I further ask consent that the Presiding Officer be authorized to appoint a committee of Senators, three upon the recommendation of the majority leader and two upon the recommendation of the Democratic leader, to escort the Chief Justice into the Senate Chamber.

Finally, I ask consent that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to notify the House of Representatives of the time and place fixed for the Senate to proceed upon the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton in the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, January 7. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the majority leader then be immediately recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene then at 9:45 a.m.

The majority leader will be recognized in order to begin a live quorum. Following that live quorum at approximately 10 a.m., the Senate will prepare to receive the managers from the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting Articles of Impeachment.

In addition, it is expected that at 1 p.m., the Senate will commence with the swearing in of the Chief Justice of the United States and all Senators.

Mr. President, just one further note, if I might. I know that Senators, members of the media and the American people are anxious to know how we plan to proceed. I think I should say at this point I think we had a very productive day. A lot of activities have been going on in a bipartisan way between Republicans, among themselves, and with the Democrats in the Senate and in the House. There is, in fact, a meeting underway right now with a bipartisan group of the Senate meeting with a group of managers from the House.

We intend to continue to try to narrow the list of questions and come forward with a proposal that would provide for an early beginning, an appropriate time for briefings to be filed, for a full trial to be provided for, and votes on Articles of Impeachment at the end of the process. There are a lot of gaps

around what I just said, but I think that there is a sincere bipartisan effort and a nonpartisan effort to do it in a way that is fair and that would get us to a conclusion on this matter which has been presented to us or will be presented to us by the House of Representatives.

We have a duty. We will do our very best to carry it out in a way that the American people will feel is appropriate for the Senate and that is dignified and fair.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, will the distinguished majority leader yield?

Mr. LOTT. I am delighted to yield to the distinguished Senator from New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, might I just confirm the observations of the distinguished majority leader. He has been faultless in his effort to find agreement on all sides in regard to all questions of which there is yet no list or likely ever to be a final one. But we admire him so and appreciate his efforts and will continue to work with him.

Mr. LOTT. I thank Senator MOYNIHAN for his remarks, for his wisdom, for his leadership, counsel, and legislative acumen he has exhibited for so many years, but also his efforts over this very day to remind us of what our responsibilities are and how difficult they will be and how they can be misconstrued. We will do our best to stand together to get this done in an appropriate way. I thank you for your comments.

Mr. President, I believe we are about ready to receive the official notification of the managers for the purpose of exhibiting Articles of Impeachment. Therefore, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate will receive a message from the House of Representatives.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE—REAPPOINTING MANAGERS IN RELATION TO THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives had passed a resolution (H. Res. 10) reappointing managers in relation to the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The message will be received and the Senate takes notice of the action by the House.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 2, the adjournment resolution, the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 2) was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:10 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 7, 1999, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 6, 1999:

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

KAY KELLEY ARNOLD, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2004, VICE NEIL H. OFFEN, TERM EXPIRED.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HULETT HALL ASKEW, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 1999. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD W. BOGOSIAN, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR RWANDA/BURUNDI.

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

HARRY J. BOWIE, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE TONY SCALLON, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

KENNETH M. BRESNAHAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, VICE EDMUNDO A. GONZALES, RESIGNED.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

ROBERT CLARKE BROWN, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 22, 1999, VICE JACK EDWARDS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WILLIAM CLYBURN, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2000, VICE J. J. SIMMONS III, TERM EXPIRED.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

GORDON DAVIDSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2004, VICE KENNETH MALERMAN JARIN, TERM EXPIRED.

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

MONTIE R. DEER, OF KANSAS, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE TADD JOHNSON.

REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

SYLVIA DE LEON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

VIVIAN LOWERY DERRYCK, AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 27, 2003, VICE JOHN F. HICKS, SR., TERM EXPIRED.

TORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 27, 2003, VICE JOHN F. HICKS, SR., TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

CHARLES H. DOLAN, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2000. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CRAIG GORDON DUNKERLEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

DOUGLAS S. EAKELEY, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 1999. (REAPPOINTMENT)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SUSAN G. ESSERMAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE JEFFREY M. LANG, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

TIMOTHY FIELDS, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ELLIOTT PEARSON LAWS, RESIGNED.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

PHYLLIS K. FONG, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE JAMES F. HOOBLER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

TIMOTHY F. GEITHNER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE DAVID A. LIPTON.

GARY GENSER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE JOHN D. HAWKE, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

T. J. GLAUTHIER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY, VICE ELIZABETH ANNE MOLER. ROSE EILENE GOTTMÖLLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (NON-PROLIFERATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY), VICE ARCHER L. DURHAM, RESIGNED.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

RICHARD A. GRAPMEYER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000, VICE HARLAN MATTHEWS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FRANK J. GUARINI, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

STEPHEN HADLEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2003.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

SPECIAL PANEL ON APPEALS

DENIS J. HAUPTLY, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL PANEL ON APPEALS FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE BARBARA JEAN MAHONE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JOHN D. HAWKE, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE EUGENE ALLAN LUDWIG, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES CATHERWOOD HORMEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO LUXEMBOURG.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

A. E. DICK HOWARD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE LANCE BANNING.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ALBERT S. JACQUEZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS, VICE GAIL CLEMENTS MCDONALD, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD

AYSE MANYAS KENMORE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2000. (REAPPOINTMENT)

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

ZALMAY KHALILZAD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001, VICE CHRISTOPHER H. PHILLIPS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

KENNETH W. KIZER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

GEORGE M. LANGFORD, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE CHARLES EDWARD HESS, TERM EXPIRED.

JOSEPH A. MILLER, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE JOHN HOPCROFT, TERM EXPIRED.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

NORMAN Y. MINETA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

ARTHUR J. NAPARSTK, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2003. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOSE ANTONIO PEREZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE STEVEN SIMPSON GREGG.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

SUSAN E. RICE, AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 27, 2003, VICE GEORGE EDWARD MOOSE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BILL RICHARDSON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

ROBERT C. RICHARDSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE JAMES L. POWELL, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STANLEY A. RIVELES, OF VIRGINIA, FOR RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS U. S. COMMISSIONER FOR THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

CLEO PARKER ROBINSON, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2004, VICE IRA RONALD FELDMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PETER F. ROMERO, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE JEFFREY DAVIDOW.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

MAXINE L. SAVITZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE FRANK H. T. RHODES, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PAUL L. SEAVE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES JOSEPH STEVENS, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

LUIS SEQUEIRA, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE IAN M. ROSS, TERM EXPIRED.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

GERALD M. SHEA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004. (REAPPOINTMENT)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

JAMES M. SIMON, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE FOR ADMINISTRATION. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JACK J. SPITZER, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

WILLIAM LACY SWING, OF NORTH CAROLINA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

RUTH Y. TAMURA, OF HAWAII, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2001. (REAPPOINTMENT)

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

CHANG-LIN TIEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE RICHARD NEIL ZARE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

EDWIN M. TRUMAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE TIMOTHY F. GEITHNER.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MARK REID TUCKER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM I. BERRYHILL.

POSTAL SERVICE

JOHN F. WALSH, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2006, VICE BERT H. MACKIE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIANE EDITH WATSON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.

KENT M. WIEDEMANN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

ALICE RAE YELEN, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2001, VICE FAY S. HOWELL, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

J. BRIAN ATWOOD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WAYNE O. BURKES, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2002, VICE GUS A. OWEN, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

MELVIN E. CLARK, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 1999, VICE GLORIA ROSE OTT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CAROLYN L. HUNTOON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT), VICE ALAN L. ALM, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REGINA MONTOYA, OF TEXAS, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

HASSAN NEMAZEE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ARGENTINA.

ROBERT A. SEIPLE, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. (NEW POSITION)

THE JUDICIARY

HIRAM E. PUIG-LUGO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE ARTHUR L. BURNETT, SR., RESIGNED.

STEPHEN H. GLICKMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOHN MAXWELL FERREN, TERM EXPIRED.

ERIC T. WASHINGTON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE WARREN ROGER KING, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JOHN E. SHKOR, 0602.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. EUGENE L. TATTINI, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES B. ARMOR, JR., 0000.
COL. BARBARA C. BRANNON, 0000.
COL. DAVID M. CANNAN, 0000.
COL. RICHARD J. CASEY, 0000.
COL. KELVIN R. COPPOCK, 0000.
COL. KENNETH M. DECUIR, 0000.
COL. ARTHUR F. DIEHL III, 0000.
COL. LLOYD E. DODD, JR., 0000.
COL. BOB D. DULANEY, 0000.
COL. FELIX DUPRE, 0000.
COL. ROBERT J. ELDER, JR., 0000.
COL. FRANK R. FAYKES, 0000.
COL. THOMAS J. FISCUS, 0000.
COL. PAUL J. FLETCHER, 0000.
COL. JOHN H. FOLKERTS, 0000.
COL. WILLIAM M. FRASER III, 0000.
COL. STANLEY GORENC, 0000.
COL. MICHAEL C. GOULD, 0000.
COL. PAUL M. HANKINS, 0000.
COL. ELIZABETH A. HARRELL, 0000.
COL. PETER J. HENNESSEY, 0000.

COL. WILLIAM W. HODGES, 0000.
COL. DONALD J. HOFFMAN, 0000.
COL. WILLIAM J. JABOUR, 0000.
COL. THOMAS P. KANE, 0000.
COL. CLAUDE R. KEHLER, 0000.
COL. FRANK G. KLOTZ, 0000.
COL. ROBERT H. LATIFF, 0000.
COL. MICHAEL G. LEE, 0000.
COL. ROBERT E. MANSFIELD, JR., 0000.
COL. HENRY A. OBERING III, 0000.
COL. LORRAINE K. POTTER, 0000.
COL. NEAL T. ROBINSON, 0000.
COL. ROBIN E. SCOTT, 0000.
COL. NORMAN R. SEIP, 0000.
COL. BERNARD K. SKOCH, 0000.
COL. ROBERT L. SMOLEN, 0000.
COL. JOSEPH P. STEIN, 0000.
COL. JERALD D. STUBBS, 0000.
COL. KEVIN J. SULLIVAN, 0000.
COL. JAMES P. TOTSCH, 0000.
COL. MARK A. VOLCHEFF, 0000.
COL. MARK A. WELSH III, 0000.
COL. STEPHEN G. WOOD, 0000.
COL. DONALD C. WURSTER, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. MICHAEL B. SMITH, 0000.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. HARRY D. GATANAS, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. DANIEL B. WILKINS, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. HAROLD L. TIMBOE, 0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. LEO V. WILLIAMS III, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ROBERT R. BLACKMAN, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM G. BOWDON III, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAMES T. CONWAY, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. ARNOLD FIELDS, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAN C. HULY, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JERRY D. HUMBLE, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. PAUL M. LEE, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. HAROLD MASHBURN, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. GREGORY S. NEWBOLD, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. CLIFFORD L. STANLEY, 0000.