

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 7005. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for individuals for 2008.

H.R. 7006. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide disaster assistance relief.

H.R. 7060. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 20, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 602. An act to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 1193. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-8902. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida; Revisions to Grade and Container Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0022)(FV08-915-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8903. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Relaxation of Incoming Quality Control Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0044)(FV08-981-1 FR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8904. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8905. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8906. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Investment Management/Office of Regulatory Policy, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Exemption for Liquidation of Certain Money Market Funds" (RIN3235-AK24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8907. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Investment Security, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Pertaining to Mergers, Acquisitions, and Takeovers by Foreign Persons" (RIN1505-AB88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8908. A communication from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Amendment to the Bank Secrecy Act Regulations—Exemptions from the Requirement to Report Transactions in Currency" (RIN1506-AA90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8909. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Digital Television Distributed Transmission System Technologies" (MB Docket No. 05-312) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8910. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations; Bryan, Texas" (MB Docket No. 08-175) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8911. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations; Madison, Wisconsin" (MB Docket No. 08-127) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8912. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kansas Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. KS-024-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2008-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8913. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" ((SATS No. PA-148-FOR)(Docket No. OSM-2008-0014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8914. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Enhanced Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program" ((EPA-R01-OAR-2008-0194)(FRL-8717-9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8915. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) From Stationary Sources" ((EPA-R06-OAR-2007-0532)(FRL-8747-6)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8916. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of Obsolete Regulations under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act Regarding Interim Ocean Dumping Sites, Interim Ocean Dumping Permits, and Interim Ocean Dumping Criteria" (RIN2040-AF01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8917. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" ((EPA-R09-OAR-2008-0788)(FRL-8745-4)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8918. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and Kern County Air Pollution Control District" ((EPA-R09-OAR-2007-0290)(FRL-8745-6)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8919. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Steam Generators for Which Construction is Commenced After August 17, 1971; Standards of Performance for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units for Which Construction is Commenced After September 18, 1978; Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units; and Standards of Performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units" (RIN2060-AO61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8920. A communication from the Program Manager of the Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals; Federal Fiscal Year 2008 and Federal Fiscal Year 2009" (RIN0938-AP38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8921. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; Premiums and Cost Sharing" (RIN0938-AO47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8922. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2008" (Rev. Rul. 2008-53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8923. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Section 832 Salvage Discount Factors" (Rev. Proc. 2008-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8924. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue Paper; All Industries; Exclusion of Income—Non-Corporate Entities and Contributions to Capital" (UIL 118.01-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8925. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account" (RIN1545-BH36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8926. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments" (Rev. Rul. 2008-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8927. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Standards Mileage Rate Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2008-72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8928. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Certain Foreign Entities" (RIN1545-BH23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8929. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Housing Cost Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2008" (Notice 2008-107) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8930. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates" (4830-01-P) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8931. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2008 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Re-

quirements" (Notice 2008-108) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8932. A communication from the Program Manager of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Flexibility for Medicaid Benefit" (RIN0938-AO48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8933. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, certifications relative to the inclusion of the Republic of Albania in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8934. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, certifications relative to the inclusion of the Republic of Croatia in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8935. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8936. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to providing information on U.S. military personnel and U.S. civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8937. A communication from the Program Manager for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Safety and Quality Improvement" (RIN0919-AA01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8938. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled, "Federal Executive Board Authorization Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8939. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8940. A communication from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8941. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the six-month period ending September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8942. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of availability of the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8943. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8944. A communication from the Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8945. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8946. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8947. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on the Audit, Investigative, and Security Activities of the U.S. Postal Service for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8948. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8949. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8950. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-28" (FAC 2005-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8951. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-29" (FAC 2005-29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8952. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and the nationwide federal law enforcement effort against public corruption for 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8953. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of

Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8954. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification that the Department of Homeland Security has in place an air exit system that can verify the departure of not less than 97 percent of foreign nationals who exit through airports of the United States and an electronic travel authorization system that is fully operational; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8955. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import and Production Quotas for Certain List I Chemicals" (RIN1117-AB08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8956. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8957. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Administrative Fines Program" (Notice 2008-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8958. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans" (RIN3245-AF78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-8959. A communication from the Chairman, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the revised report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8960. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, five Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the quarter ending September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8961. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter report for fiscal year 2008 of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8962. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the result of a public-private competition for the Commander, Navy Installations Command, Non-Guard Security Support Service functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8963. A communication from the Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to Public Law 106-65, an annual review conducted as a cooperative effort by nine Offices of Inspector General relative to export control policies and procedures; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8964. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Car-

riage Vessel Overhaul, Repair, and Maintenance" (RIN0750-AF75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8965. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Least Developed Countries that are Designated Countries" (RIN0750-AG08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8966. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Limitations on DoD Non-Commercial Time-and-Materials Contracts" (RIN0750-AF90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8967. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Reports of Government Property" (RIN0750-AF24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8968. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(73 FR 67414)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8969. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(73 FR 67416)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8970. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(73 FR 65775)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8971. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(73 FR 65777)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8972. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67)(73 FR 65778)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8973. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8974. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8975. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Certification Requirements as Part of the CDL" (RIN2126-AA10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8976. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rule Concerning Disclosures Regarding Energy Consumption and Water Use of Certain Home Appliances and Other Products Required Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act" (RIN3084-AA74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8977. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers" ((Docket No. RM07-1-000)(Order No. 717)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8978. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Energy Policy Act, Section 1812, Backup Fuel Capability Study"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8979. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: MAGNASTOR Addition" (RIN3150-AI51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8980. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL-8733-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8981. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Pesticide Tolerance Revocation for Diazinon" (FRL-8390-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8982. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Rule; Revisions to the Regulatory Definition of "Navigable Waters" (RIN2050-AG48) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8983. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Rule Requirements—Amendments" (RIN2050-AG16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8984. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standard Program Requirements" (RIN2060-AO80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8985. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; Subpart K—Alternative Requirements for Hazardous Waste Determination and Accumulation of Unwanted Material at Laboratories Owned by Colleges and Universities and Other Eligible Academic Entities Formally Affiliated with Colleges and Universities" (RIN2050-AG18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8986. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the EDA Regulations" (RIN0610-AA64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8987. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8385-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8988. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diflufenuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL-8388-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8989. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorothalonil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8387-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8990. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Electric Arc Furnace Steelmaking Facilities" (RIN2060-AM71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8991. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report rel-

ative to the Administration's processing of continuing disability reviews for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8992. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to quality improvement and savings under the Medicare Hospital Gainsharing Demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8993. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Cancer Prevention and Treatment Demonstration for Racial and Ethnic Minorities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8994. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed technical agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8995. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-203-2008-216); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8996. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program for 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8997. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment from the Government of Jordan to the Government of Lebanon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8998. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the federal work force for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8999. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Executive Officer, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9000. A communication from 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 "Maximum Civil Money Penalty Amounts and Compliance With the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act" (Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0561) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9001. A communication from 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 "Prior Notice of Imported Food Under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002" (RIN0910-AC41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December

2, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9002. A communication from the Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development (Domestic Policy Staff), and the Office of Administration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9003. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's EEO complaints activity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9004. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9005. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9006. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2008 Performance and Accountability Report"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9007. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's final strategic plan for the fiscal years 2008-2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9008. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's performance plan for fiscal years 2008-2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9009. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Railroad Retirement Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9010. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9011. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9012. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9013. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the Semiannual Management's Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9014. A communication from the Director of Administration, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9015. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Power of Federal Employee Engagement"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9016. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9017. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Performance and Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9018. A communication from the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9019. A communication from the President, Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's Annual Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9020. A communication from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of notification of availability of the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9021. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9022. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two semiannual reports by the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period ending September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9023. A communication from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from April 1, 2008, to June 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9024. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9025. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9026. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Account-

ability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9027. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements" (RIN1651-AA70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 3, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9028. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Leona Valley Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AB49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9029. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer in the position of Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9030. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program" (RIN2900-AN00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9031. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP): Nondiscretionary Provisions of Public Law 108-265, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004" (RIN0584-AD74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9032. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael W. Peterson, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9034. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1557-AD11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 24, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9035. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iranian Transactions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 560) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9036. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Docket No. FEMA-B-1019) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9037. A communication from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waybill Sample" (STB Ex Parte No. 385) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9038. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Final Rule to Remove the Caribbean Monk Seal From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" and "Endangered and Threatened Species; Conservation of Threatened Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals" ((RIN0648-XG60)(RIN0648-AU92)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9039. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-XJ42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9040. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Minor Amendments to Regulations" (RIN0648-AX26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9041. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Referendum Procedures for a Potential Gulf of Mexico Grouper and Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program" (RIN0648-AW85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9042. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Revisions to Allowable Bycatch Reduction Devices" (RIN0648-AV14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9043. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Specifications for Boarding Ladders" (RIN0648-AV78) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9044. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel by Vessels in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (Docket No. 071106673-8011-02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9045. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Modification of the Yellowtail Flounder Landing Limit for the U.S./Canada Management Area" (RIN0648-XL40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9046. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; Total Allowable Catch Harvested for Management Area 1A" (RIN0648-XL69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9047. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska; Temporary Rule; Modification of a Closure" (RIN0648-XL83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9048. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska; Temporary Rule; Closure" (RIN0648-XL65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9049. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch by Vessels in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XL45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9050. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XL68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9051. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 6 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0755)" (RIN1625-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9052. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations (including 5 regulations beginning with USCG-2007-0075)" (RIN1625-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9053. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Christmas Holiday Boat Parade Fireworks Event, Appomattox River, Hopewell, VA" (RIN1625-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9054. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Potomac River, National Harbor, MD" (RIN1625-AA00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9055. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Escorted Vessels, Savannah, Georgia, Captain of the Port Zone" (RIN1625-AA87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9056. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0738)" (RIN1625-AA08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9057. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Escorted Vessels, Mobile, AL, Captain of the Port Zone" (RIN1625-AA87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9058. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dry Cargo Residue Discharges in the Great

Lakes" (RIN1625-AA89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9059. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 7 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0825)" (RIN1625-AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9060. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations (including 2 regulations beginning with USCG-2008-0256)" (RIN1625-AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9061. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Okeechobee Waterway, Mile 126.3, Olga, FL" (RIN1625-AA09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9062. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review and Update of Standards for Marine Equipment" (RIN1625-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9063. A communication from the Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual financial audit and management report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9064. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to enhanced aquaculture and seafood inspection; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9065. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affordable Housing Program Amendments: Federal Home Loan Bank Mortgage Refinancing Authority" (RIN2590-AA04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9066. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Boards of Directors: Eligibility and Elections" (RIN2590-AA03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9067. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUD Programs: Violence Against Women Act Conforming Amendments" (RIN2577-AC65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9068. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration,

Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List: Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States" (RIN0694-AE48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9069. A communication from the Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Large-Bank Deposit Insurance Determination Modernization" (RIN3064-AD26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9070. A communication from the Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Processing of Deposit Accounts in the Event of an Insured Depository Institution Failure" (RIN3064-AD26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9071. A communication from the Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9072. A communication from the Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program; Amendment to Interim Rule" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9073. A communication from the Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the actions taken to ensure that audits are conducted of its programs and operations for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9074. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Crustacean Fisheries; Deepwater Shrimp" (RIN0648-AV29) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9075. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Northern Rockfish in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XL92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9076. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Regulations; Areas of the National Park System" (RIN1024-AD74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9077. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mining Claims Under the General Mining Laws" (RIN1004-AE00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9078. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Withdrawals; Amendment of Regulations Regarding Emergency Withdrawals" (RIN1004-AE05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9079. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9080. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Rio Grande Silvery Minnow in the Big Bend Reach of the Rio Grande in Texas" (RIN1018-AU68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9081. 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 "Importation, Exportation, and Transportation of Wildlife; Inspection Fees, Import/Export Licenses, and Import/Export License Exemptions" (RIN1018-AV31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9082. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for 12 Species of Picture-wing Flies from the Hawaiian Islands" (RIN1018-AU93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9083. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Management Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9084. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States-People's Republic of China Science and Technology Agreement of 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9085. 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 "Obstetrical and Gynecological Devices; Designation of Special Controls for Male Condoms Made of Natural Rubber Latex" (RIN0910-AF21) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9086. 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 entitled "Food Labeling; Health Claims; Calcium and Osteoporosis, and Calcium, Vitamin D, and Osteoporosis" (Docket No. FDA-2004-P-205) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9087. 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 "Use of Ozone-Depleting Substances; Removal of Essential-Use Designation (Epinephrine)" (RIN0910-AF92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9088. A communication from the Director, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9089. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Director, Institute of Education Sciences, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9090. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9091. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9092. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9093. A communication from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9094. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a management report on audit final action and the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9095. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9096. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9097. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual reports of the Attorney General and the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9098. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a management report on the status of audits and the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2008, through September 30, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9099. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-9100. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Bureau of Prisons' compliance with the privatization requirements of the Revitalization Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9101. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Immigrant and Non-immigrant Religious Workers" (RIN1615-AA16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9102. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States in Hiring and Retaining Nurses at State Veterans Homes" (RIN2900-AM26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 4, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 3718. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the taxation of unemployment compensation for 2 years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 3719. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the minimum required pension distribution rules for 2008, 2009, and 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 3720. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the minimum required pension distribution rules for 2008 and 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 3721. A bill to prohibit the use of funds to transfer individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States Disciplinary

Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 3722. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for auditable, independent verification of ballots, to ensure the security of voting systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 3723. A bill to establish a framework for coordination and cooperation on energy and environmental issues among the United States, the People's Republic of China, and India, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3724. A bill to direct the Secretary to take land into trust for the Te-moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 721. A resolution recognizing and honoring the Smith Center High School football team; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 722. A resolution recognizing January 2, 2009 as "National Advertising Specialty Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 723. A resolution to permit the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 893

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds and enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary of Education to improve the academic achievement of students.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 2521

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2521, a bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees.

S. 2928

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 2928, a bill to ban bisphenol A in children's products.

S. 3150

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3150, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation or the Administrator of Federal Aviation Administration from conducting auctions, implementing congestion pricing, limiting airport operations, or charging certain use fees at airports.

S. 3533

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3533, a bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program.

S. 3672

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3672, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve economic opportunity and development in rural States through highway investment, and for other purposes.

S. 3673

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3673, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway transportation in the United States, including rural and metropolitan areas.

S. 3684

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3684, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction against individual income tax for interest in indebtedness and for State sales and excise taxes with respect to the purchase of certain motor vehicles.

S. 3697

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3697, a bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act to require approval by the Congress for certain expenditures for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

S. 3698

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3698, a bill to prohibit any recipient of emergency Federal economic assistance from using such funds for lobbying expenditures or political contributions, to improve transparency, enhance accountability, encourage responsible corporate governance, and for other purposes.