

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3666. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3666. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### 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-3178. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Regular Trade Adjustment Assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3179. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning an extension of waiver authority; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3180. A communication from the Chairman of the Social Insurance Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3181. A communication from the Chair of the Physician Payment Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Monitoring Access of Medicare Beneficiaries and Monitoring the Financial Liability of Medicare Beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3182. A communication from the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Payment For Vocational Rehabilitation Services Furnished Individuals During Certain Months of Non-payment of Supplemental Security Income Benefits," (RIN0960-AD39) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3183. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to value units for the full range of pediatric physicians' services; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3184. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Health Maintenance Organizations," (RIN0938-AE64) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3185. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of the implementation and evaluation of social health maintenance organization demonstration; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3186. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy),

transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3187. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend section 304 of the Tariff Act of 1930; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3188. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Miscellaneous Regulations Relating to Liquor," (RIN1512-AB44) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3189. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Extension of the Paso Robles Viticultural Area," (RIN1512-AA07) received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3190. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Malibu-Newton Canyon Viticultural Area," (RIN1512-AA07) received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3191. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a statement of procedural rules (RIN1512-AB53) received on June 21, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3192. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Taxpaid Distilled Spirits Used in Manufacturing Products Unfit for Beverage Use," (RIN1512-AA20) received on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3193. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Unit, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of temporary regulations entitled "Extensions of Time to Make Elections," (RIN1545-AU41) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3194. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Unit, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of temporary regulations entitled "Regulations Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986," (RIN1545-AU37) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3195. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Unit, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of temporary regulations entitled "Consolidated returns-Limitations on the use of certain losses and deductions," (RIN1545-AU35) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3196. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Unit, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of temporary regulations entitled "Regulations Under Section 1502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986," (RIN1545-AU36) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3197. A communication from the Chief of Regulations Unit, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Procedure 96-37; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3198. A communication from Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Basic Permit Requirements

Under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, Nonindustrial Use of Spirits and Wine, Bulk Sales and Bottling of Distilled Spirits," (RIN1512-AB43) received on June 10, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3199. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, Notice 96-35 entitled "Regulatory Reinvention Initiative," received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3200. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Revenue Ruling 96-34 entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property," received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3201. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Revenue Procedure 96-34 received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3202. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Treasury regulation entitled "Modification of Bad Debts," (RIN1545-AT14) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3203. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Treasury regulation entitled "Modification of Debt Instruments," (RIN1545-AR04) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3204. A communication from Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Treasury regulation entitled "Debt Instruments with Original Issue Discount," (RIN1545-AQ86, 1545-AS35) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3205. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule relative to the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, (RIN1115-AB93) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3206. A communication from the Acting General Sales Manager and Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning the Commodity Credit Corporation Supplier Credit Guarantee Program, (RIN0551-AA30) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3207. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to additions to the procurement list, received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3208. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Federal Energy Management and Planning Programs," (RIN1991-AA80) received on June 26, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3209. A communication from President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to U.S. exports to Russia for a storage terminal project; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3210. A communication from the Acting Director of the Defense Security Assistance

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning military education and training to the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3211. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3212. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of informational copies of two lease prospectuses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3213. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a detailed description of the compliance activities undertaken by the Department for mixed waste streams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3214. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Production and Utilization Facilities," (RIN3150-AF20) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3215. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning reclassification of the Saltwater Crocodile Population in Australia, (RIN1018-AC30) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3216. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, (RIN1018-AD43) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3217. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge, (RIN1018-AD44) received on June 17, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3218. 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 Operating Permits Program," (RIN2060-AD68) received on June 24, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3219. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans," (FRL5511-4, 5525-4) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3220. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of four rules entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System," (FRL5529-1, 5464-7, 5516-7, 5528-4) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3221. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of seven rules entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives," (FRL5522-2, 5519-2, 5524-4, 5524-9, 5456-4, 5523-7, 5526-4) received

on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3222. A communication from the the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "The Postsecondary Education Program for Individuals with Disabilities," received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3223. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3224. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Tin-Coated Lead Foil Capsules for Wine Bottles," received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3225. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Consolidation of Repetitive Provisions," (RIN1218-AB53) received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3226. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Reorganization, Renumbering, and Reinvention of Regulations," (RIN1212-AA75) received on June 25, 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-3227. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of thirteen rules entitled "Tolerance Exemption," (FRL5376-3, 5377-7, 5370-8, 5371-4, 5372-5, 5375-9, 5374-7, 5373-5, 5521-5, 5522-6, 5521-4, 5372-4, 5521-7) received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-639. A petition adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"HOUSE BILL 712

"TITLE III.—ARTICLE—  
TRANSPORTATION

"Section 10-204

"ARTICLE III

"Section 3

"There is hereby created the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Zone which shall embrace the District of Columbia, the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax, and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia located within those counties, and the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's in the State of Maryland and political subdivisions of the State of Maryland located in said counties.

"Section 5

"(a) The Authority shall be governed by a board of six directors consisting of two directors for each signatory. For Virginia, the directors shall be appointed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission; for the

District of Columbia, by the Council of the District of Columbia; and for Maryland, by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. For Virginia and Maryland, the directors shall be appointed from among the members of the appointing body, except as otherwise provided herein, and shall serve for a term coincident with their term on the appointing body. A director may be removed or suspended from office only as provided by the law of the signatory from which he was appointed. The appointing authorities shall also appoint an alternate for each director, who may act only in the absence of the director for whom he has been appointed an alternate, except that, in the case of the District of Columbia where only one director and his alternate are present, such alternate may act on behalf of the absent director. Each alternate shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. In the event of a vacancy in the office of director or alternate, it shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment.

"Section 8

"(a) Four directors or alternates consisting of at least one director or alternate appointed from each signatory, shall constitute a quorum and no action by the board shall be effective unless a majority of the board present and voting, which majority shall include at least one director or alternate from each signatory, concur therein; provided, however, that a plan of financing may be adopted or a mass transit plan adopted, altered, revised or amended by the unanimous vote of the directors representing any two signatories.

"ARTICLE VI

"Section 14

"(b) It shall be the duty and responsibility of each member of the board to serve as liaison between the board and the body which appointed him to the board. To provide a framework for regional participation in the planning process, the board shall create technical committees concerned with planning and collection and analyses of data relative to decision-making in the transportation planning process and the mayor and council of the District of Columbia, the component governments of the Northern Virginia Transportation District and the Washington Suburban Transit District shall appoint representatives to such technical committees and otherwise cooperate with the board in the formulation of a mass transit plan, or in revisions, alterations or amendments thereof.

"Section 15

"(a) Before a mass transit plan is adopted, altered, revised or amended, the board shall transmit such proposed plan, alteration, revision or amendment for comment to the following and to such other agencies as the board shall determine:

"(1) The Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission;

"(2) The governing bodies of the counties and cities embraced within the zone;

"(3) The transportation agencies of the signatories;

"(4) The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission;

"(5) The Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments;

"(6) The National Capital Planning Commission;

"(7) The National Capital Regional Planning Council;

"(8) The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;

"(9) The Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission;