

prepared to make the choices that will shape our Nation's future for decades to come.

By reversing the earlier trend of fiscal irresponsibility, balancing the budget, and producing a historic surplus, we have restored our national spirit and produced the resources to help opportunity and prosperity reach all corners of this Nation. We have it within our reach today, by making the right choices, to offer the promise of prosperity to generations of Americans to come. If we keep to the path of fiscal discipline, we can build a foundation of prosperity for the Nation's future.

My plan to extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare allows the United States to become debt-free in the next 13 years, for the first time since 1835. Eliminating the debt will strengthen our economy, devote resources to Social Security, and prepare us to meet the challenges of the aging of America. Through fiscal discipline and wise choices we can extend the life of Social Security to the middle of the century, extend the solvency of Medicare until 2025, and modernize Medicare with a needed prescription drug benefit.

By continuing to maintain discipline, we can provide for the aging of America and for the investments of the future—including education, the environment, research and development, and defense—which are central to our economic growth, health, and national security. By making choices that respect fiscal discipline, we can make room to provide both for a balanced tax cut and for investments that will help this Nation stay strong in the future.

This new century is filled with promise, for we live at a remarkable time. By making wise choices, we have it within our power to extend the same promise and prosperity to generations to come.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 7, 2000.

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-7355. A communication from the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management response to the Inspector General's report for the six months ended September 30, 1999, and the report required by the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7356. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the transfer of the battleship ex-New Jersey to the Home Port Alliance of Camden, NJ; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7357. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: All Industries-Cafeteria

Plan/Qualified Retirement Plan Hybrid Arrangement" (UIL-125.05-00), received February 1, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7358. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the DoD annual audit of the American Red Cross; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7359. A communication from the Director, 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 "Aluminum in Large and Small Volume Parenterals Used in Total Parenteral Nutrition" (RIN0910-AA74), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7360. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for December 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7361. A communication from the Director, National Counterintelligence Center transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7362. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FY 2000 UST Grant Guidance (AL)", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7363. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FY 2000 UST/LUST Program Grant Guidance", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7364. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FY 99 N/A UST/LUST Program Grant Guidance", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7365. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grant Guidance for Fiscal Year 2000", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7366. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Water System Supervision Program Generic Grant Workplan Guidance", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7367. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wetlands Grants 2000—Call for Proposals", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7368. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and

Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wetlands Grants 2000—Grants Guidance", received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7369. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL # 6532-7), received February 2, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7370. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Guidance on Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Class II-D and II-R Injection Wells Underground Injection Control Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7371. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico" (Docket # 99-063-2), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7372. A communication from the Director, 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 in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands", received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7373. A communication from the Director, 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; Pollock in the Gulf of Alaska", received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7374. A communication from the Director, 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—Modification of a Closure (opens directed fishing for pollock by catcher vessels that are non-exempt under the American Fisheries Act in Statistical Area 610 and the Shelikof Strait)", received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7375. A communication from the Director, 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—Closure (closes directed fishing for pollock in Statistical Area 630 outside the Shelikof Strait conservation area in the Gulf of Alaska)", received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7376. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model

Hawker 1000 Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-156 [11-12/11-18]] (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0440), received November 19, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7377. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT8D-200 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-32 [12-21/12-23]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0535), received December 23, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7378. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT8D-209, -217, -217A, -217C, and -219 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-80 [12-29/1-3]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0544), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7379. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D-TR4 Series Turbofan Engines; Correction; Docket No. 99-NE-06 [11-18/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0463), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7380. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 95-ANE-69 [11-19/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0474), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7381. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT9D Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-47 [1-19/1-20]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0029), received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7382. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A, 340B, and 2000 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-148 [11-22/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0466), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7383. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB SF340A, 340B Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-200 [1-4/1-6]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0001), received January 6, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7384. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model

328-100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-150 [11-22/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0467), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7385. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-100 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-219 [1-27/1-27]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0045), received January 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7386. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls Royce Limited Dart Series; Docket No. 99-NE-30 [12-29/1-3]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0542), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7387. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BMW Rolls-Royce GmbH Models BR700-710A1-10 and BR700-710-20 Turbofan Engines; Request for Comments; Docket No. 98-ANE-74 [11-19/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0459), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7388. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS-350B, B1, B2, B3, BA, and D, and AS-355E, F, F1, and N Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-41 [11-30/12-2]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0493), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7389. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model EC 135 P1 and EC 135 T1 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-74 [1-25/1-27]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0040), received January 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7390. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model BO-105CB-5 and BO-105CBS-5 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-58 [11-18/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0462), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7391. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; de Havilland Model DHC-8-100, -200, and -300 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-179 [1-26/1-27]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0048), received January 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7392. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company 170, 172, 175, and 177 Series Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-CE-24 [12-29/1-3]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0546), received January 3, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7393. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFE Company Model CFE738-1-1B Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 99-NE-39 [1-6/1-10]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0014), received January 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7394. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mitsubishi Model YS-11 and YS011A Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-140 [11-22/11-29]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0479), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7395. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Jetstream Model BAe ATP Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-145 [11-22/11-29]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0478), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7396. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CASA C212 and CN-235 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-149 [11-22/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0471), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7397. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Sabliner Model NA-265-40, NA-265-60, NA-70, and NA-265-80 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-127 [11-22/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0470), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7398. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; AlliedSignal Instrument Landing System Navigation Receivers-Airbus A300 Series Airplanes and Boeing Model 747 Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-NM-257 [11-19/11-22]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0458), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7399. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aircraft Belts, in Model CS, FM, FN, GK, GL, JD, JE, 4JT, JU, MD, ME, MM, MN, NB, PM, PN, RG, and RH Seat Restraint Systems; Docket No. 98-SW-33 [12-10/12-13]]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-05132), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7400. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Transport Category Airplanes Equipped with Mode 'c' Transponder(s) with Single Gillham Code Altitude Input; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-NM-328 [12-16/12-16]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0515), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7401. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers SD3-30, SD3-60, SDS-SHERPA, and SD#-60 SHERPA Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-154 [11-22/11-22]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0468), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7402. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Short Brothers Model SD3-3) SHERPA, AD3-SHERPA, and SD3-30 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-223 [1-25/1-27]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0038), received January 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7403. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Empressa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB-135 and EMB-145 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-340 [11-20/12-2]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0494), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7404. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream America Model G-73 and G-73T Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-141 [11-22/11-29]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0482), received November 29, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7405. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Mystere-Falcon 50 and 900 Series Airplanes, Falcon 900EX Series Airplanes, and Falcon 2000 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 98-NM-266 [12-8/12-13]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0511), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7406. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aerospaziale Model ATR-42 and ATR-72 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-144 [11-22/11-22]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0470), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7407. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Raytheon Model

BAe 125 Series 1000A and 1000B, and Model Hawker 1000 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-176 [11-20/12-2]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0491), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7408. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-12 and PC 12/45 Airplanes; Docket No. 99-CE-54 [11-26/12-2]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0502), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7409. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CL-604 Variant of Bombardier Model Canadair CL-600-2B16 Series Airplanes Mod. in Accordance with Sup. Type Cert. SA806NM-D, SA8072NM-D, or SA8086NM-D; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NM-05 [1-21/1-24]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0036), received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7410. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. Models PA-25, PA-25, 235, 260, PA-28S-160, -180, PA-32S-300, PA-28-151, and PA-28-161 Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-CE-69 [12-14/12-16]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0514), received December 16, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7411. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fairchild Model F-27 and FH-227 Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-143 [11-22/11-22]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0465), received November 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7412. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace BAe Model ATP Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-201 [12-28/12-30]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0540), received January 4, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7413. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller, Inc. Model HD-E6C-3 Propellers; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-NE-18 [12-3/12-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0505), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7414. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; International Ero Engines AF V2500-A1 Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-76 [12-3/12-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0506), received December 6, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7415. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Precise Flight, Inc. Model SVS III Standby Vacuum Systems; Docket No. 98-CE-87 [11-30/12-2]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0499), received December 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7416. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Kaman Aerospace Corporation Model K1200 Helicopters; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-SW-72 [1-24/1-24]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0037), received January 24, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7417. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron-Manufactured Model HH-1K, TH-1F, Th-1L, UH-1A, UH-1B, UH-1E, UH-1F, UH-1H, and UH-1P Helicopters; and Southwest Flora Aviation Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-02 [12-8/12-13]" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0512), received December 13, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7418. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, the report of two actions taken in response to requests from the Republic of Cyprus and the Kingdom of Cambodia; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7419. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives for Use in Meat and Poultry Products: Sodium Diacetate, Sodium Acetate, Sodium Lactate and Potassium Lactate", received January 31, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7420. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a report relative to the WIC Program's rating in the American Customer Satisfaction Index; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7421. A communication from the Administrator of the Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Certification Integrity" (RIN0584-AC76), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7422. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to General Accounting Office employees detailed to congressional Committees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7423. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Processing Garnishment Orders for Child Support and/or Alimony and Commercial Garnishment of Federal Employees' Pay" (RIN3206-AI91), received February 3, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7424. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background

statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7425. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Grants Guidance to Applicants", received February 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7426. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance or Project Eligibility and Design under the Region IX Tribal Border Infrastructure Program", received February 4, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7427. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Rule to List Kneeland Prairie Penny-Cress (*Thaspi californicum*) as Endangered" (RIN1018-AE55), received February 4, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7428. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed deep draft navigation and ecosystem restoration project for Oakland Harbor, CA; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7429. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the construction of a flood damage reduction project along the Rio Grande de Manati at Barcelona, PR; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7430. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure for Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska", received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7431. A communication from the Acting Director, 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-Closure for Pollock in Statistical Area 620 Outside the Shelikof Strait Conservation Area in the Gulf of Alaska", received February 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-400. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the protection and restoration of the Atlantic Salmon; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Federal Government, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service, has proposed to list the Atlantic salmon in 8 Maine rivers under the federal Endangered Species Act and has indicated a potential to include additional Maine rivers to the det-

ription of the agriculture, manufacturing, forest products and aquaculture industries of Maine on the basis of limited scientific evidence;

Whereas, Maine is strongly committed to the restoration of the Atlantic salmon to its waters, as demonstrated through the development of a comprehensive and cooperative Salmon Conservation Plan, which was produced over the course of 3 years with input from federal officials, relevant state departments, local conservation groups, affected businesses, farmers and riverside residents; and

Whereas, since the area covered by these 8 rivers and other rivers that may be included in the listing in the future contains 1/3 of the human population of Maine and virtually all of the aquaculture industry, all of Maine will feel the impact of the naming of the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List; and

Whereas, adding the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List in order to help the return of the Atlantic salmon in significant numbers to Maine's waters compromises partnership between Maine and the Federal Government, which has had a history of good faith; and

Whereas, there exist many significant threats to the Atlantic salmon that lie beyond the influence of Maine that also affect the prospects of long-term Atlantic salmon restoration to the rivers of Maine; and

Whereas, Maine is strongly committed to the restoration of the Atlantic salmon to its waters, has committed millions of dollars to its plan to produce this result and feels that the naming of the Atlantic salmon to the Endangered Species List is premature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, the Secretary of Commerce William Daley and the Congress of the United States reconsider the intent to include the Atlantic salmon on the Endangered Species List as it would benefit neither the Atlantic salmon nor the people of Maine and allow Maine to continue to execute its own comprehensive plan to restore the Atlantic salmon to its waters; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, to the Secretary of Commerce William Daley and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Special Committee on Aging: Special Report entitled "Developments in Aging: 1997 and 1998" (Rept. 106-229).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBB, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. GRAMM):

S. 2035. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2036. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on the imposition of taxes on the Internet; read the first time.

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

S. 2037. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the option to use rebased target amounts to all sole community hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 253. A resolution to express the Sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in biochemical research should be increased by \$2,700,000,000 in fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Appropriations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2037. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the option to use rebased target amounts to all sole community hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

SOLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FAIR PAYMENT ACT OF 2000

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Sole Community Hospital Fair Payment Act. This legislation will correct an unintended drafting error involving Medicare reimbursements for the Sole Community Hospital program, enacted last year as part of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act (P.L. 106-113).

Medicare designates Sole Community Hospitals based on factors such as isolated location, weather or travel conditions, or the absence of other hospitals within a 35 road-mile radius. These hospitals are considered the only source of inpatient services that are reasonably available in a geographic area. Sole Community Hospitals are reimbursed for services on either a federal national standardized amount or on a hospital-specific target amount that is based on either updated FY 1982 or updated FY 1987 costs.

Last year, Congress passed legislation updating the federal rate reimbursement level to costs based on Fiscal Year 1996. A drafting error in the bill, however, unintentionally updated the reimbursements for hospitals that are paid on a specific rate—leaving out 327 hospitals across the country that Congress intended to help.