

H.R. 5234. An act to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to extend the applicability of that Act to certain former spouses of deceased Hmong veterans.

H.R. 5239. An act to provide for increased penalties for violations of the Export Administration Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 399. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

H. Con. Res. 407. Concurrent resolution to direct the Secretary of the Senate to correct technical errors in the enrollment of S. 1455.

H. Con. Res. 409. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1654.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2392) to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1455. An act to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2909. An act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4919. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

S. 430. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 5:08 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 109. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4551. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 1001 Frederick Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Frederick L. Dewberry, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4899. An act to establish a commission to promote a consistent and coordinated foreign policy of the United States to ensure economic and military security in the Asia-Pacific region through the promotion of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 5224. An act to amend the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 to authorize assistance for the stockpiling and rapid transportation, delivery, and distribution of shelf stable prepackaged foods to needy individuals in foreign countries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 399. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 26, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 430. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes.

#### 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-10903. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the initiation of a single-function cost comparison at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10904. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Environmental Technology Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10905. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Canada, Denmark, French Guiana or Sea Launch, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kouru, Poland, Republic of Korea, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, and The United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-10906. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the notice of proposed transfer of major defense equipment relative to The

Government of the United Kingdom (HMG); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-10907. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-10908. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10909. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pipeline Safety: Underwater Abandoned Pipeline Facilities" (RIN2137-AC33) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10910. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations: Editorial Corrections and Clarification" (RIN2137-AD47) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10911. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Polski Zaklady Lotnicze Spolka zo.o. Models PZL M18, M18A, and M18B Airplanes; docket No. 99-CE-84 [9-15/9-21]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0471) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10912. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. Model EMB 135 and EMB 145 Series Airplanes; docket No. 2000-NM-301 [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0472) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10913. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB 135 and EMB 145 Series Airplanes; docket No. 2000-NM-300; [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0473) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10914. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 1900C, 1900C12 and 1900D Airplanes; docket No. 2000-CE-02 [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0475) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10915. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Hugoton, KS; docket No. 00-ACE-18 [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0223) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10916. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; McPherson, KS; docket No. 00-ACE-17 [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0224) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10917. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Pella, LA; docket No. 00-ACE-26 [9-18/9-25]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0225) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10918. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Service Difficulty Reports; 2120 AF71; Docket No. 28293" (RIN2120-AF71) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10919. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Space Transportation Reusable Launch Vehicle and Reentry Licensing Regulations docket No. FAA-1999-5535 [9-19/9-25]" (RIN2120-AG71) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10920. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Responsibility Requirements for Licensed Reentry Activities; docket No. FA 1999-6265 [9-19/9-25]" (RIN2120-AG76) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10921. A communication from the Senior Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electric Vehicle Safety" (RIN2127-AF43) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10922. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications" (RIN0648-AN36) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10923. 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 Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fisheries; Inseason Adjustment Procedures" received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10924. A communication from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service (ET Docket No. 95-18)" (ET Docket No. 95-18, FCC 00-233) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10925. A communication from the General Counsel of National Aeronautics and

Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Code of Conduct for International Space Station Crew" (RIN2700-AC40) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-10926. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Nursing Home Staffing and Quality Improvement Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10927. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Gains, Partnership, Subchapter S, and Trust Provisions" (RIN1545-AW22) (TD 8902) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10928. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2000-42) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10929. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Zone Academy Bonds" (RIN1545-AY01) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10930. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Proc. 2000-39—2001 Per Diem Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2000-39) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10931. A communication from the Executive Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bonus to Reward States for High Performance" (RIN0970-AB66) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10932. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations 65 FR 53915 09/06/2000" (Docket No. FEMA-FEMA-D7501) received on September 15, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10933. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Market Rents for Fiscal Year 2001" (FR-4589-N-02) received September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10934. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 C.F.R. Part 709 Involuntary Liquidation of Federal Credit Unions and Adjudication of Creditor Claims Involving Federally-Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation" received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10935. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to market for small business and commercial mortgage related securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-10936. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and

Space Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Aeronautics and Space Administration Federal Employment Reduction Assistance Act Amendments"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10937. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10938. A communication from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-10939. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Addition to Quarantined Areas; Correction" (Docket #00-036-2) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10940. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program" received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10941. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of eight rules entitled "Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6749-1), "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6744-4), "Dimethyl silicone polymer with silica; silan, dichloromethyl-, reaction product with silica; hexamethyldisilazane, reaction product with silica; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL #6745-1), "Ethametsulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6744-1), "Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6746-2), and "Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL #6746-5), "Methacrylic Acid-Methyl Methacrylate-Polyethylene Glycol Methyl Ether Methacrylate Copolymer; and Maleic Anhydride-ox-Methylstyrene Copolymer Sodium Salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL #6745-2), and "Yucca Extract; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL #6748-3) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-10942. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy Guidance Concerning Application of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to Metropolitan and Statewide Planning" received on May 25, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10943. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL #68774) and "Pennsylvania: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL #6875-3) received on September 21, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10944. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Determination of critical habitat for the Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis*

lateralis euryxanthus)" (RIN1018-AF98) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10945. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting two items; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10946. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Acquisition Regulation" (FRL #6874-5) and "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Implementation Plan Revision" (FRL #6873-2) received on September 25, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10947. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN1190-AA28) received on September 22, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10948. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "25 CFR Part 38—Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Personnel System" (RIN1076-AE02) received on September 21, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### 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-622. A resolution adopted by the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida relative to the restoration of the Everglades; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-623. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, relative to the dumping of dredged materials at the Historic Area Remediation Site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-624. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, relative to worldwide trafficking of women and girls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 353, a bill to provide for class action reform, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-420).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 893: A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels (Rept. No. 106-421).

#### 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 Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 3107. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program; read the first time.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3108. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. GORTON):

S. 3109. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 1010 Fifth Avenue in Seattle, Washington, as the "William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3110. A bill to ensure that victims of domestic violence get the help they need in a single phone call; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 3111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an extension of time for the payment of estate tax to more estates with closely held businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3112. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure access to digital mammography through adequate payment under the Medicare system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3113. A bill to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 3114. A bill to provide loans for the improvement of telecommunications services on Indian reservations; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 3115. A bill to extend the term of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. MACK):

S. 3116. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to prevent circumvention of the sugar tariff-rate quotas; 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. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 360. A resolution to authorize the printing of a document entitled "Washington's Farewell Address"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Res. 361. A resolution to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3108. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### PESTICIDE HARMONIZATION BILL

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, during the first few months of the 106th Congress in early 1999, I introduced a pesticide harmonization bill—S. 394. Today, I am introducing a revised version of that legislation. The need for this legislation has not changed.

Last year, I pointed out that when the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement came into effect, part of the understanding on agriculture was that our two nations were going to move rapidly toward the harmonization of pesticide regulations. However, we have entered a new decade—and century, no less—and relatively little progress in harmonization has been accomplished that is meaningful to family farmers.

Since this trade agreement took effect, the pace of Canadian spring and durum wheat, and barley exports to the United States have grown from a barely noticeable trickle into annual floods of imported grain into our markets. Over the years, I have described many factors that have produced this unfair trade relationship and unlevel playing field between farmers of our two nations. The failure to achieve harmonization in pesticides between the United States and Canada compounds this ongoing trade problem.

Our farmers are concerned that agricultural pesticides that are not available in the United States are being utilized by farmers in Canada to produce wheat, barley, and other agricultural commodities that are subsequently imported and consumed in the United States. They rightfully believe that it is unfair to import commodities produced with agricultural pesticides that are not available to U.S. producers. They believe that it is not in the interests of consumers or producers to allow such imports. However, it is not just a difference in availability of agricultural pesticides between our two countries, but also in the pricing of these chemicals.

Just last spring, our farmers were denied the right to bring a pesticide across the border that was cleared for use in our country, but was not available locally because the company who manufactures this product chose not to sell it here. They were selling a more expensive version of the product here. The simple fact is, this company was using our environmental protection