

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c), I am transmitting a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2003.

NOTICE STATING THAT THE EMERGENCY DECLARED WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN IS TO CONTINUE BEYOND MARCH 15, 2003—PM 24

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iran emergency is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2003, to the *Federal Register* for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2002 (67 FR 11553).

The crisis between the United States and Iran constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran, including its support for international terrorism, efforts to undermine Middle East peace, and acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and the means to delivery them, that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. These actions and policies are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2003.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 342. An act to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 389. An act to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools.

H.R. 399. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation.

H.R. 659. An act to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals.

H.R. 663. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 85. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential buildings in the aftermath of the tragic fire on February 20, 2003, at a nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island.

The message further announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. STARK of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York; Mr. WATT of North Carolina; and Mr. HILL of Indiana.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations during the first session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress: Mr. THOMAS of California; Mr. CRANE of Illinois, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. RANGEL of New York; and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

At 5:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 342. An act to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 389. An act to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 399. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 659. An act to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 663. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely affect patient safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 607. A bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following measure was ordered held at the desk until the close of business March 19, 2003, by unanimous consent:

S. 628. A bill to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter.

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-1576. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unshu Oranges from Honshu Island, Japan (Doc. No. 02-108-1)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1577. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Biennial Report to Congress, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1578. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States under the Case-Zablocki Act with Japan, Greece, France and Uzbekistan, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1579. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Company CF6-50 and CF6-80C2 Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 2001-NE-19 (2120-

AA64) (2003-0147)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1580. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-00 Series Airplanes Modified by Supplemental Type Certificate ST0169AT-D Docket No. 2002-NM-56 [1-13/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0131)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1581. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model Hawker 800 XP Airplanes; Docket no. 2001-NM-315 [1-13/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0132)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1582. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Honey International Inc. ALF5021L-2, -2C, ALF502R-3 and -3 and -3A Series Turbofan Engines; Docket no. 2002-NE-24 [1-15/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0133)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1583. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Hartzell Propeller Inc. Model HC C2YR-4CF Propellers; docket no. 2001-NE-48 [2-4/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0134)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1584. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328-100 and -300 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2002-NM-140 [2-5/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0135)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1585. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES SpA Model P 180 Airplanes; Docket no. 2002-CE-46 [2-5/3-10] (2120-AA64) (2003-0136)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1586. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-600, 700, 700C, 800, and 900 Series Airplanes; Docket no. 2002-NM-240 (2120-AA64) (2003-0137)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1587. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Hartzell Propeller, INC, Model HD E6C 3E/EL3890K Propellers; Docket no. 2000-NE-45 (2120-AA64) (2003-0138)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1588. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Robinson Helicopter Company Model R22 Helicopter; Docket no. 2001-SW-44 (2120-AA64) (2003-0139)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1589. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Robinson Helicopter Company Model R44 Helicopters; Docket no. 2001-SW-45 (2120-AA64) (2003-0140)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1590. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES SpA Model 180 Airplanes; Docket No. 2002-CE-47 (2120-AA64) (2003-0141)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1591. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: APEX Aircraft Model CAP 10 B Airplanes; Docket no. 2002-CE-04 (2120-AA64) (2003-0142)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1592. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: British Aerospace Model HP 137 Jetstream Mk I Jetstream Series 200, 3101, and 3201 Airplanes; Docket No. 2002-CE-14 (2120-AA64) (2003-0143)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1593. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives SCATA Griyoe AEROSATUAKE Nideks TB 8m 10, 20, 21, and 200 Airplanes Docket no. 2002-CE-43 (2120-AA64) (2003-0144)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1594. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Aircraft Equipped with Honeywell Primus II RNZ 850-851 Intergrated Navigation Unites; Docket No. 2003-NM-41 (2120-AA64) (2003-0145)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1595. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Shelbyville and Las Vergne, Tennessee (MM Docket No. 01-224)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1596. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Shafter and Buttonwillow, California (MM Docket No. 02-58)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1597. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Junction, Texas; Chino Valley, Arizona; Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Aspermont, Texas; Cotulla Texas) (MM Docket Nos. 01-263, 01-264, 01-265, 01266, 01-267)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1598. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Balmorhea, Texas (MB Docket No. 02-15, RM-10463)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1599. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Snyder, Littlefield, Wolfforth and Floydada, Texas and Hobbs, New Mexico (MM Docket No. 01-144; RM-10406, RM-10340)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1600. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Calling Systems; Petition of City of Richardson, Texas: Order of Reconsideration (FCC 02-318; CC Docket 94-102)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1601. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Parts 1, 2, 27 and 90 of the Commission's Rules to License Services in the 216-220 MHz, 1390-1395 MHz, 1427-1429 MHz, 1429-1432 MHz, 1432-1435 MHz, 1670-1675 MHz, and 2385-2390 MHz Governments Transfer Bands (WT Docket No. 02-8, FCC 02-152)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1602. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions (FRL 7465-8)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1603. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surfcoat Coating of Metal Coil (FRL 7467-1)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1604. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Mississippi Update, to Materials Incorporated by Reference (FRL 7445-5)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1605. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri (FRL 7467-4)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1606. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities; New York (FRL 7464-8)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1607. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Historic Area Remediation Site (HARS)-Specific Polychlorinated Biphenyl Worm Tissue Criteria (FRL 7467-6)" received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1608. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Thirteenth Annual Report to Congress relative to the Health and Safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's Defense nuclear facilities during calendar year 2002, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1609. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO), transmitting, pursuant to law, the OFHEO's Fiscal Year 2002 Performance Report, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1610. A communication from the Director, Office of Management, Budget and Evaluation/Chief Financial Officer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Department of Energy's annual list of Government activities that are not inherently governmental in nature, after review and consultation with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1611. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report of the Office of Special Counsel for Fiscal Year 2002, received on March 12, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental 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-64. A resolution adopted by the City of Warren, State of Michigan relative to solid waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-65. A resolution adopted by the Town of New Castle, State of New York relative to the decommissioning of the Indian Point Power Plants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-66. A resolution adopted by Urbana City Council, State of Illinois relative to opposition to a war against Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-67. A resolution adopted by the Town of Mansfield, State of Connecticut relative to opposition to the war against Iraq; to the Committee of Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning Christine K. Alexander and ending Adam M. Ziegler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2003.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Diane J. Hauser and ending Lisa H. Degroot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2003.

Coast Guard nomination of Scott Aten. Coast Guard nominations beginning Paul S. Szwed and ending Darell Singleterry, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 25, 2003.

Coast Guard nomination of John P. Nolan. Coast Guard nomination of Christy L. Howard.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Bruce E. Graham and ending Bradford W. Youngkin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 11, 2003.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

*Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

*Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2006.

*Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2005.

*Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

*Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

*Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Foreign Service nominations beginning Lyle J. Sebranek and ending Margaret K. Ting, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2003.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed sub-

ject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

The following executive reports of treaties were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 107-19 Tax Convention with the United Kingdom (Exec. Rept. No. 108-2)]

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains, signed at London on July 24, 2001, together with an Exchange of Notes, as amended by the Protocol signed at Washington on July 19, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-19).

[Treaty Doc. 107-20 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Australia (Exec. Rept. No. 108-3)]

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-20).

[Treaty Doc. 108-3 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Mexico (Exec. Rept. No. 108-4)]

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Second Additional Protocol That Modifies the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Mexico City on November 26, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 108-3).

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. VOINOVICH:

S. 610. A bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 611. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, and platinum, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as stocks and bonds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.