

H. Con. Res. 235. A concurrent resolution celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene "Larry" Doby.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 659) to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals."

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 13) to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes."

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2559) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes", and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. WALSH, Mr. ADERHOLT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. VITTE, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. OBEY.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2657) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes", and agrees to the conferences asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: For consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments (except for title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3), and modifications committed to conference: Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. YOUNG, of Florida, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. OBEY.

For consideration of title III in the Senate amendment numbered 3, and modifications committed to conference. Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. TAYLOR, of North Carolina, and Mr. OBEY.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2658) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes," and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MURTHA, Mr.

DICKS, Mr. SABO, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. OBEY.

At 4:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, 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. 7. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 49. An act to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 292. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

H.R. 2152. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 13. An act to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

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. 978. An act to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 292. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1284. An act to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2040. An act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2152. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1618. A bill to reauthorize Federal Aviation Administration Programs for the period beginning on October 1, 2003, and ending on March 31, 2004, and for other purposes.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 49. An act to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4204. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4205. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4206. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4207. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4208. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Multiyear Contracting Authority Revisions" (DFARS Case 2002-D041) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4209. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Contractor Performance of Security-Guard Functions" (DFARS Case 2002-D042) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4210. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitiveness Demonstration Codes update" (DFARS Case 2003-D003) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4211. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Caribbean Basin country—Dominican Republic" (DFARS Case 2003-D007) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4212. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to status of the female members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4213. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Liability for Loss Under Vessel Repair and Alteration Contracts" (DFARS Case

2002-D016) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4214. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions and Standards of Identity or Composition: Elimination of the Pizza with Meat or Sausage Standards" (01-018P) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4215. 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 "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Quarantined Areas and Regulated Articles" (Doc. No. 03-018-2) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4216. 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 "Importation of Pork-Filled Pasta" (Doc. No. 02-003-2) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4217. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfentrazone; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7324-5) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4218. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7327-5) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4219. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-Metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7324-9) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4220. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7326-7) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4221. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cymrmazine; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7326-5) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4222. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Butafenacil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7324-6) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4223. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7326-4) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4224. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Supplemental Rule Regarding a Recycling Standard Under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act; Correction" (FRL#7560-9) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4225. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos" (FRL#7561-2) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4226. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Emissions from New Marine Diesel Engines" (FRL#7561-4) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4227. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment for the Carbon Monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, Arizona" (FRL#7561-5) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4228. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Plan Requirements for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incinerators Constructed on or Before November 20, 1999" (FRL#7562-1) received on September 16, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4229. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Procedures, Corporate Powers, International Banking, Management Official Interlocks, Golden Parachute and Indemnification Payments" (RIN3064-AC55) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4230. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to medically relevant information concerning occupational exposures servicemembers may have received during Projects 112 and Shipboard Hazard and Defense testing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4231. A communication from the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the Agency's Fiscal Year 2002 Annual Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4232. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Clearance - Conformance of Export Administration Regulation with Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations" (RIN0694-AC81) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4233. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of

acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4234. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Human Resources and Education, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4235. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Approved Measures Contained in the Skate Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AO10) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4236. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Amend Eligibility Criteria for the Bering Sea and the Aleutian Islands (BSAI) King and Tanner Crab Fisheries" (RIN0648-AQ78) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4237. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 72 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Amendment 64 to the FMP for the Groundfish Fishery of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-AP92) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4238. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement a Guideline Harvest Level for Managing the Harvest of Pacific Halibut in the Guided Recreational Fishery in International Pacific Halibut Commission Areas 2c and 3a in and off of Alaska" (RIN0648-AK17) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4239. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closing Directed Fishing for Pelagic Shelf Rockfish in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4240. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; Prohibiting directed fishing for groundfish by vessels using hook-and-line gear in the Gulf of Alaska except for demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast Outside District or sablefish" received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4241. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Oregon

Sport Fisheries; Inseason Action; Request for Comments" received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4242. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #2—Adjustment of the Recreational Fishery from the Queets River to Cape Falcon, Oregon" (ID080503B) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4243. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closing Arrowtooth Flounder Fishing in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4244. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Financial Reporting" (RIN2700-AC77) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4245. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure; prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific ocean perch in the Eastern Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI)" received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4246. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Handling of Class I (Explosive) Materials or other Dangerous Cargoes Within or Contiguous to Waterfront Facilities" (RIN1625-AA07) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4247. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations (Including 2 Regulations) [CGD08-03-11], [CGD13-02-012]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4248. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations: Protection of Large Passenger Vessels, Portland, OR" (RIN1625-AA00) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4249. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Sullivan, MO" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4250. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Cambridge, NE" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4251. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Maryville, MO" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4252. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Centerville, IA" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4253. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Meade, KS" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4254. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Various Transport Category Airplanes Manufactured by McDonnell Douglas" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4255. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-100, 747SP, and 747 SR Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4256. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. MU-2B Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4257. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Correction Pratt and Whitney Canada Turbo-prop Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4258. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: EXTRA Flugzeugbau GmbH Models EA-300/200, EA-300/, and EA 300S Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4259. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Lee's Summit, MO" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4260. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Wayne, NE" (RIN2120-AA64) received

on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4261. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Schempp-Hirth Flugzeugbau GmbH Model Duo-Discus Gliders" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4262. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Learjet Model 45 Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4263. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney Canada PW206A and PW206E Turbo-shaft Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4264. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757-200 and 200PF Series Airplanes Equipped with Pratt and Whitney PW200 Series Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4265. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 and 440) Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4266. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Luftfahrt GMBH 228-100, 228-101, 228-200, 228-201, 228-202, and 228-212 Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4267. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes Equipped with Pratt and Whitney JT9D-3 or JT9D-7 Series Engines (except JT9D-70 Series Engines)" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4268. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 (regional Jet Series 100 and 440) Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4269. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A300 B4 600, B4600R (Collectively Called A300-600) Series Airplanes and

Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4270. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4271. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc RB211 Trent 800S Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4272. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4273. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials Regulations: Penalty Guidelines and Other Procedural Regulations" (RIN2137-AD71) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4274. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace: Aurora, MO" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4275. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace: Montgomery, AL" (RIN2120-AA66) received on September 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4276. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Auctions Expenditure Report for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4277. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's 2005 Budget Request; 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-281. A resolution adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners of the State of Michigan relative to the Midwestern Headquarters of the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-282. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to prescription drug coverage in the federal Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

Whereas, advances in the effectiveness of prescriptive medication have substantially improved the quality of health care in the United States; a key component of prevention health care, prescription drugs help patients live healthier, longer, and more productive lives without the need for costly long-term acute care; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Social Security Act of 1965, which originally authorized Medicare, the increased use of new and improved prescription drugs has changed the delivery of health care in the United States; nonetheless, of the more than 40 million people enrolled in Medicare, one-third have no prescription drug coverage, and the limited coverage available to the remaining two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries is often inadequate to meet their needs; and

Whereas, comprehensive reform of the Medicare program is necessary to provide affordable care for the elderly and disabled who suffer from chronic disease and comorbidity; the private sector has established a model for successful reforms by negotiating discounts on prescription drugs and by coordinating care with disease management, drug utilization review, and patient education programs, all of which aid in ameliorating medical problems; and

Whereas, despite the growing needs of the Medicare population, the United States Congress has thus far failed to remedy the inadequacies of the Medicare program; effective reform would adopt the successful strategies of the private sector and use the marketplace to foster competition among private plans, maintaining the financial viability of the program and offering greater choice of quality coverage to seniors and the disabled; and

Whereas, instead, the lack of a prescription drug benefit in particular has forced states to supplement Medicare by providing medicine to vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries through state Medicaid programs; this "dually eligible" population, those who qualify for federal Medicare and state Medicaid, accounts for 42 percent of Medicaid drug expenditures nationwide; and

Whereas, the situation is critical in Texas, where the Congressional Budget Office reported the enactment of a Medicare drug benefit would mean a savings of nearly \$2 billion in Medicaid funds between 2005 and 2012; alarmingly, the costs to state Medicaid programs are expected to increase as the non-elderly disabled and the elderly over age 85 who are most likely to be dually eligible are the fastest growing populations within Medicare; and

Whereas, with state Medicaid programs already facing serious budgetary constraints that threaten to restrict patients' access to needed medical care and prescription drugs, it is more important than ever that the Congress enact a Medicare prescription drug benefit as quickly as possible: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully request that the Congress of the United States enact financially sustainable, voluntary, universal, and privately administered outpatient prescription drug coverage as part of the federal Medicare program; and be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-283. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP); to the Committee on Finance.

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, the State Teachers' Retirement System has a higher contribution rate than, and benefits commensurate to, the Social Security system; and

Whereas, the State Teachers' Retirement System is not coordinated with the federal Social Security system; and

Whereas, the Social Security Act includes two offsets, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under other public retirement systems, under certain conditions; and

Whereas, public employees in California who do not pay into Social Security incur substantial reductions in their federal Social Security benefits even if they otherwise qualify for those benefits through prior employment for which they paid into Social Security, or as surviving spouses through their spouses' Social Security eligibility; and

Whereas, these offsets discourage individuals with prior work experience from seeking teaching positions; and

Whereas, every child is entitled to be taught by a fully credentialed teacher, but California has had a significant shortage of teachers credentialed in the subjects they are assigned to teach; and

Whereas, the recruitment and retention of teachers from other states who are entitled to Social Security benefits upon retirement is also undermined by these offsets; and

Whereas, legislation to remedy the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision have been introduced in the 107th Congress by members of the California Congressional delegation and received bipartisan support from a majority of the California delegation in the 106th Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly: That the Legislature of the State of California requests the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to remove the onerous effects of the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act, and further, the Legislature of the State of California requests President George W. Bush to support and sign that legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-284. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the legislature of the State of Michigan relative to bringing peace and security to Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, this year marks the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas, the international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus; and