

amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker, were signed on today, November 20, 2003, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 254. An act to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes:

S. 864. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building"; and

S. 1718. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office".

H.R. 23. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

H.R. 1588. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2744. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building".

H.R. 2754. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3175. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 3379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the "Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building".

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2420. An act to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution honoring Seeds of Peace for its promotion of understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace among youth from

the Middle East and other regions of conflict; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on November 20, 2003, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 254. An act to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003;

S. 867. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the "Ronald Reagan Post Office Building"; and

S. 1718. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the "Senator James B. Pearson Post Office."

#### 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-5325. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a report relative to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5326. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Whiting Closure for the Catcher/Processor Sector" (ID101003F) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5327. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD07-02-160], Canaveral Barge Canal, Cape Canaveral, Brevard County, FL" (RIN1625-AA00) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5328. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD08-03-042], Mississippi River, Iowa, and Illinois" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5329. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations: [CGD08-03-045], St. Croix River, Prescott, WI" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5330. 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: (Including 2 Regulations), [CGD07-03-144], [COTP San Diego 03-033]" (RIN1625-AA09) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5331. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Naviga-

tion Area: (Including 2 Regulations), [CGD07-03-069], [CGD09-03-214]" (RIN1625-AA11) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5332. A communication from the Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 24, 2001; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5333. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the EA-18G; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5334. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to contracts involving the National Recreation Reservation System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5335. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Obsolete Regulations" (RIN0560-AH04) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5336. 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 "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" (Doc. No. 03-017-2) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5337. 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 "Veterinary Services User Fees; Pet Food Facility Inspection and Approval Fees" (Doc. No. 03-036-2) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5338. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretation of Rule 3b-3" (Release No. 34-48795) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5339. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "31 CFR Part 575—Authorization for U.S. Financial Institutions to Transfer Certain Claims Against the Government of Iraq" received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5340. A communication from the Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 24, 2001; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5342. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Final Rule on Decommissioning Trust Provisions" (RIN3150-AH32) received on November 19, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5343. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5344. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed manufacturing agreement of the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5345. A communication from the Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on direct spending or receipts legislation dated October 24, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5346. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guidelines: Forest Products—Losses of Timber for Epidemic for Southern Pine Beetles" (UIL165.19-00) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5347. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "October–December 2003 Bond Fund Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2003-117) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5348. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers to Provide for Satisfaction of Contested Liabilities" (RIN1545-BA91) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5349. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers to Provide for Satisfaction of Contested Liabilities" (RIN1545-BA91) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5350. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—December 2003" (Rev. Rul. 2003-122) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5351. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfers to Trusts to Provide for the Satisfaction of Contested Liabilities" (Notice 2003-77) received on November 20, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5352. A communication from the Procurement Executive, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace" (RIN1400-AB83) received on November 19, 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-326. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to the federal tax code; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 292

Whereas, The President of the United States has authorized the Secretary of Defense to mobilize select members of the National Guard to active duty in response to the continuing global war on terrorism, armed conflict with Iraq, and heightened tensions with North Korea, additionally, state governors have mobilized National Guard members for state active duty to protect airports, nuclear power plants and interstate bridges and tunnels; and

Whereas, Members of the National Guard activated by the President of the United States are entitled to certain exemptions from income taxation that members of the National Guard activated by a Governor are not; and

Whereas, Members of the National Guard activated during the current crises, whether activated by the President of the United States or a Governor, are serving vital interests for which they deserve the full support of our government; and

Whereas, Many of the National Guard members and their families will suffer short and long-term hardships due to their state activation during the crises; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that the United States government recognize the sacrifice that these mobilized National Guard members and their families are making; and

Whereas, Part of this recognition should consist of the enactment of federal legislation establishing the same tax treatment for allowances received by members of the National Guard on state active duty as exists for allowances received by such members on federal active duty; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The President of the United States and the Congress of the United States are respectfully urged to enact legislation to amend the provisions of the federal tax code to exempt from taxable income of National Guard members on state active duty allowances received for housing and subsistence.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader or the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

POM-327. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to trade relations with Taiwan; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 228

Whereas, The United States and the Republic of China, commonly known as Taiwan, maintain an important trade relationship, with Taiwan being among the largest trading partners of the United States and the United States being one of the largest exporters to Taiwan; and

Whereas, Taiwan, the fourteenth largest trading nation in the world, is a center for international trade which is vital to the economic prosperity of this State and the United States in general; and

Whereas, The State of New Jersey and Taiwan established a sister-state relationship in 1989 symbolizing the close friendship between the people of New Jersey and the people of Taiwan; and

Whereas, This State seeks to encourage and expand mutually beneficial commercial relationships with Taiwan; and

Whereas, Taiwan is a modern democracy that routinely holds free and fair elections and has dramatically improved its record on human rights; and

Whereas, Taiwan's 23,000,000 people are not represented in the United Nations; and

Whereas, Taiwan has in recent years repeatedly expressed its strong desire to participate in the United Nations and has much to contribute to the work and funding of the United Nations; and

Whereas, Taiwan's participation in the United Nations will help maintain peace and stability in Asia and the Pacific; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Congress and the President of the United States are respectfully memorialized to strengthen trade relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to support the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Trade Representative, and every member of the New Jersey Congressional delegation.

POM-328. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to a Medicare prescription drug benefit; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 318

Whereas, Some senior citizens in New Jersey have prescription drug coverage through the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" and Medicaid programs, Medicare supplemental insurance policies or retirement benefit plans; however, according to the federal government, approximately one-third of senior citizens in the nation do not have any insurance coverage for prescription drugs; and

Whereas, Prescription drugs and medication therapy management services are essential components of medical treatment, yet the Medicare program does not offer a comprehensive prescription drug and service benefit to senior citizens who need prescription drug and service coverage in order to be able to afford their medications and comply with prescription medication regimes; and

Whereas, Proper utilization of prescriptions drugs can be one of the most cost-effective medical interventions available in the health care system and medication therapy management services would assist senior citizens in proper medication utilization, which can help reduce adverse medication events that oftentimes result in increased spending of Medicare funds for nursing home stays and hospital, physician and emergency room visits; and

Whereas, Proper utilization of prescription drugs can meet the needs of special populations with chronic diseases and those with co-morbidities through coordinating care with disease management, drug utilization review and patient education program, all of which aid in ameliorating medical errors; and

Whereas, Promoting greater access to prescription drugs through the inclusion of a prescription benefit in the Medicare program would reduce the incidence of senior citizens employing unsafe cost-saving methods, such as splitting pills and staggering the days on which medications are taken; and