

at 5505 Stevens Way in San Diego, California, as the "Earl B. Gilliam/Imperial Avenue Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 111. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

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. 430. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

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-9807. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 03-05, relative to the U.S. Army Depot Support Activity-Far East, Seoul, Korea; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9808. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 98-05, relative to the United States Property and Fiscal Office for Colorado; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9809. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 03-02, relative to 2000 Operation and Maintenance, Navy appropriation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9810. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a supplemental update of the Budget; referred jointly to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget.

EC-9811. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Forest Service and Community Partnership Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9812. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation "to establish a system for withholding or disclosing information obtained through the animal identification system established by the Secretary, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9813. 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 "Pine Shoot Beetle Hose Material from Canada" (Doc. No. 00-073-2) received on October 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9814. 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 "Bees and Related Articles" (Doc. No. 98-109-2) received on October 25, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9815. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Pumilus Strain QST 2808; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7684-4) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9816. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deltamethrin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7683-5) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9817. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL#7681-9) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9818. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thifensulfuron-methyl; Tolerance Actions" (FRL#7683-2) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9819. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to resource management of a contract a private contractor to manage activities on Federal lands within the Stanislaus National Forest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9820. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Control of Aviation Critical Safety Items and Related Services" (DFARS Case 2003-D101) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9821. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indian Incentive Program" (DFARS Case 2002-D033) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9822. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Berry Amendment Changes" (DFARS Case 2003-D099) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9823. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Terrorist Country" (DFARS Case 2003-D098) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9824. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Plans—Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation" (DFARS Case 2004-D004) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9825. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Personal Services Contracts" (DFARS Case 2003-D103) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9826. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition

Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidation of Contract Requirements" (DFARS Case 2003-D109) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9827. A communication from the Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the notification of a decision to convert to contractor performance a function of the Department of Defense performed by 290 DoD civilian employees; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9828. A communication from the Director for Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost for planning, design, construction, and installation for the renovation of Wedges 2 through 5 of the Pentagon; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9829. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9830. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9831. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization to wear the insignia of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9832. 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-9833. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the approval to wear the insignia of lieutenant general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9834. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Findings and Recommendations from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9835. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9836. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the authorization to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9837. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Partnership Agreement—8(a) Program" (DFARS Case 2004-D015) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9838. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the government-wide progress report and the DoD supplement required by the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9839. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in acting role for the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9840. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9841. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination rejected, withdrawn, or returned for the position of Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9842. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9843. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9844. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9845. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of General Counsel, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9846. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9847. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2003 Environmental Quality Program Annual Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9848. A communication from the Principal Deputy for Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the approval to wear the insignia of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9849. A communication from the Federal Register Certifying Officer, Financial Management Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endorsement and Payment of Checks Drawn on the United States Treasury" (RIN1510-AA99) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9850. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Community Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9851. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel for Equal Opportunity and Administrative Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Associate General Counsel for Human Resources Law, Department of Housing and Urban Development, received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9852. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9853. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9854. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to Malaysia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9855. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 51380" (44 CFR 65) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9856. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 51375" (44 CFR 65) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9857. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 51373" (44 CFR 65) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9858. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 51388" (44 CFR 67) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9859. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations; 69 FR 51382" (44 CFR 67) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9860. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; 69 FR 53835" (44 CFR 64) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9861. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's strategic plan for fiscal years 2003 through 2008, the Board's annual performance plan for fiscal year 2004, and the Board's annual performance budget for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9862. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Progress Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9863. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amended Service Obligation Reporting Requirements for State Maritime Academy Graduates" (RIN2133-AB61) received on October 18, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9864. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Options for Transmitting Certain Information Collection Responses to MARAD" (RIN2133-AB64) received on October 18, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9865. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amended Service Obligation Reporting Requirements for U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Graduates" (RIN2133-AB66) received on October 18, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9866. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials; Compatibility with the Regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency; Correction; Final Rule" (RIN2137-AD40) received on October 18, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9867. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, East Central Region, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tire Advertising and Labeling Guides" received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9868. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of Exxon and Stripper Well oil overcharge funds; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9869. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coal Production Fees" (RIN1029-AC46) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9870. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Mariana Fruit Bat

and Guam Micronesia Kingfisher on Guam and the Mariana Crow on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands" (RIN1018-AI25) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9871. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Interim Rule for the Beluga Sturgeon (*Huso huso*)" (RIN1018-AU02) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9872. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation and Accompany Revisions to NRC Enforcement Policy" (RIN3150-AH55) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9873. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9874. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program" (RIN1660-AA17) received on October 14, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9875. A communication from the Acting Director, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prototypes Used Solely for Product Development, Testing, Evaluation, or Quality Control Purposes" (RIN1505-AB32) received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9876. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to trade and investment opportunities in Libya; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9877. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2005" (RIN0938-AM93) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9878. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment as Qualified Dividend Income for Purposes of Section 1(h)(11)" (Notice 2004-70) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9879. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2004 Base Period T-Bill Rate" (Rev. Rul. 2004-99) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9880. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issues: Transfer of Sale of Compensatory Options or Restricted Stock to Related Persons" (UIL:9300.28-00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9881. 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—November 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-102) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9882. 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: Intermediary Transactions Tax Shelters" (UIL:9300.16-00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9883. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Notice 2002-21 Tax Shelter" (UIL:9300.19.00) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9884. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—August 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2004-101) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9885. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting and Other Guidance Distributions with Respect to Securities Issued by Foreign Corporations" (Notice 2004-71) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9886. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting Under Section 6050P for Discharges of Indebtedness" (RIN1545-AY35) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9887. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Revenue Ruling 96063 901(j) List" (Rev. Rul. 2004-103) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9888. 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 2004 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rule 2004-100) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9889. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1397E—Allocation of National Limitation for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for Year 2004" (Rev. Proc. 2004-61) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9890. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Certain Foreign Entities" (Notice 2004-68) received on October 22, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9891. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9892. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Representative Pay-

ment Under Titles II, VIII, and XVI of the Social Security Act" (RIN0960-AF83) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9893. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates" (RIN1400-AB94) received on October 13, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9894. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9895. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9896. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Methodology Changes" (RIN3206-AK29) received on October 25, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9897. A communication from the Director, Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's report of the Office of Inspector General for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9898. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated and Independent Expenditures by Party Committees" received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9899. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated and Independent Expenditures by Party Committees" received on November 4, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-9900. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary for Health, Veterans' Health Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "VA Research: Serving Our Nations' Veterans"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9901. A communication from the Office of Registration Policy and Management, Veterans' Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presumptions of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Service Involving Detention or Internment as a Prisoner of War" (RIN2900-AM09) received on October 26, 2004; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 346. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements (Rept. No. 108-415).

By Mr. BENNETT, from the Joint Economic Committee: