

EC-8420. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense article or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 to Switzerland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8421. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to specific licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8422. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the designation of an acting officer and an action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Mine and Safety Health, received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8423. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8424. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8425. A communication from the Deputy Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, a draft of its Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2007-2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8426. A communication from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to FAIR Act inventories for Fiscal Year 2006; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8427. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, District of Columbia Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8428. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel and Designated Reporting Official, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a report supplementing information that was provided on August 9, 2005, relative to the nomination of Mr. James F. X. O'Gara to be the Deputy Director for Supply Reduction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8429. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Sales of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products; Self-Certification of Regulated Sellers of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products" (RIN1117-AB05) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8430. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a copy of an interim final rule with request for comment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8431. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims Based on Aggravation of a Nonservice-Connected Disability" (RIN2900-AI42) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8432. A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Guidelines for Application of Evaluation Criteria for Certain Respiratory and Cardiovascular Conditions; Evaluation of Hypertension With Heart Disease" (RIN2900-AL26) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8433. A communication from the Chief, Regulation Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New and Material Evidence" (RIN2900-AM15) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-8434. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of advance billing of a working capital fund customer; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-429. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to memorializing Congress to adopt and present to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide that only citizens may be counted for purposes of determining congressional representation among the states; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97

Whereas, one of the cornerstones of our democratic republic is the decennial census, which is the basis for congressional representation and the apportionment process. The data gathered through the census is used to determine how the 435 members of the United States House of Representatives are divided among the states; and

Whereas, with growing numbers of illegal immigrants concentrated in a small number of states, especially California, states with few illegal immigrants suffer a commensurate reduction in the number of their members of the United States House of Representatives. This is true for Michigan, which has experienced a steady decline in congressional representation over the past few decades. Projections for the next reapportionment, after the 2010 census, include the loss of more seats for Michigan and other states with few illegal immigrants; and

Whereas, in 2000, an estimated 5.3 million noncitizens in California were counted by the Census Bureau. In one Californian district, more than 260,000 noncitizens, or 43 percent of the district's population, were tabulated, a ratio of almost four noncitizens for every voter. As a result, it took fewer than 35,000 votes to win the district compared to almost 100,000 votes to win a typical Congressional race in Michigan. If only legal citizens were counted, California would have been allocated six fewer seats in the House of

Representatives. In addition, New York, Texas, and Florida, which along with California account for more than 50 percent of all noncitizens residing in the United States, would have been allocated one fewer Congressional seat apiece if only citizens were calculated; and

Whereas, while estimates of actual illegal aliens in our country are higher, the 2000 federal census found 7 million illegal aliens. It seems wrong for illegal aliens to have as profound an impact on our political environment as they presently do. While immigration is a very complex issue that must be addressed, it seems clear that including illegal immigrants in the calculation of congressional representation is wrong; and

Whereas, a measure has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide that only citizens may be counted for purposes of apportioning congressional representation among the states. This legislation, H.J.R. 53, is long overdue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to adopt and present to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that would provide that only citizens may be counted for purposes of determining congressional representation among the states; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation. Adopted by the House of Representatives, September 6, 2006.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 3879. A bill to implement the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-346).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2348. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to require a licensee to notify the Atomic Energy Commission, and the State and county in which a facility is located, whenever there is an unplanned release of fission products in excess of allowable limits (Rept. No. 109-347).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3771. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

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

*Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Transportation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.