

H.R. 4351. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 246. Concurrent resolution honoring the United States Marine Corps for serving and defending the United States on the anniversary of its founding on November 10, 1775; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 783. An act to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, 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-4532. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, Tangelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0088) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4533. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program—Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops and Livestock)" (RIN0581-AC61) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4534. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0082) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4535. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Organic Program—Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock)" (RIN0581-AC62) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4536. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 Spearmint Oil for the 2007-2008 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0134) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4537. 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 Diagnostic Services User Fees" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0161) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4538. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act in the Health and Resource Services Administration's National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4539. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's decision to cancel a public-private competition for the Naval Supply Systems Command's ocean terminal operations and maintenance services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4540. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (23) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4541. A communication from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lead System Integrators" (DFARS Case 2006-D051) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4542. A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report relative to the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4543. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Adjustment of Ceiling on Allowable Charge for Certain Disclosures Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act Section 612(f)" (FR Doc. E7-24672) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4544. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acceptance from Foreign Private Issuers of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards without Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP" (RIN3235-AJ90) received on January 2, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4545. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of railway equipment to China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4546. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving the export of materials needed to construct a natural gas plant in Peru; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4547. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Eligibility Requirements for Primary Securities Offerings on Forms S-3 and F-3" (RIN3235-AJ89) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4548. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Smaller Reporting Company Regulatory Relief and Simplification" (RIN3235-AJ86) received on December 19, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4549. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN1557-AD05) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4550. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Empowerment Zones: Performance Standards for Utilization of Grant Funds" (RIN2506-AC16) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4551. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4552. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Annual Performance Budget for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4553. 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 "Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House" (RIN1510-AB00) received on January 3, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4554. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act" (Docket No. R-1302) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4555. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Home Mortgage Disclosure Act" (Docket No. R-1303) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4556. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to competitions initiated or completed by the Commission during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4557. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Regulatory Amendment to Modify Recordkeeping and Reporting and Observer Requirements; Emergency Secretarial Action; Correction" (RIN0648-AW20) received on December 21, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4558. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting,