

H.R. 4788. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under the Act, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Act, and to improve the administration of the Act.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of October 30, 2000, at 8 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Kevie Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 121. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 121. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-11384. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve" (RIN2900-AJ88) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-11385. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "John D. Shea v. Commissioner" (115 T.C. No. 8) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11386. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rev. Rul. 2000-51-BLS-LIFO Department Store Indexes—September 2000" (Rev. Rul. 2000-51) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11387. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN1090-AA64) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-11388. A communication from the General Counsel, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities; Play Areas" (RIN3014-AA21) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11389. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Prime Enrollment" received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11390. A communication from the Director of the Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Small Business Specialist Functions" (DFARS Case 2000-D021) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11391. A communication from the Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Services Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Personnel to United States Civilian Authorities for Trial" (32 CFR 884) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11392. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "12 CFR Part 747 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11393. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Insurance and Rates 65 FR 60759 10/12/2000" (RIN3067-AD01) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11394. A communication from the Secretary of the Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Proxy Statements and Information Statements to Households" (RIN3235-AH66) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11395. A communication from the Under Secretary of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Non-Discretionary Provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" (RIN0584-AC41) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11396. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket Number: FV00-920-3 FIR) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2665: A bill to establish a streamlined process to enable the Navajo Nation to lease trust lands without having to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of individual leases, except leases for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resources (Rept. No. 106-511).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 3265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify treatment of employee stock purchase plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 3266. A bill to amend the Delta Development Act to expand the area covered by the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission to include Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM):

S. Con. Res. 157. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Mexico should adhere to the terms of the 1944 Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande Treaty between the United States and Mexico; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Con. Res. 158. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding appropriate actions of the United States Government to facilitate the settlement of claims of former members of the Armed Forces against Japanese companies that profited from the slave labor that those personnel were forced to perform for those companies as prisoners of war of Japan during World War II; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. CRAIG:

S. 3265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify treatment of employee stock purchase plans; to the Committee on Finance.

WORKER INVESTMENT PROTECTION ACT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to introduce important legislation designed to clarify the tax treatment of employee stock purchase plans (ESPPs). The Worker Investment Protection Act provides this needed clarification.

Employee stock purchase plans are a common tool used by employers to allow rank-and-file employees to set aside part of their paychecks to purchase the company's stock. The tax code provides incentives for employees to participate in ESPPs to encourage employee ownership. This legislation is necessary because in selected cases around the country, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has begun to act contrary to almost 30 years of published policy, and is attempting to collect income taxes and payroll taxes on