

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-480. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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EC-483. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on tied aid credits; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-484. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting pursuant to law, the report entitled "Effect of the 1990 Census on CDBG Program Funding"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-485. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide additional flexibility for the Department of Energy's program for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-486. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for United States insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-487. A communication from the Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the building project survey for Hilo, Hawaii; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-488. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the progress in conducting environmental remedial action at federally owned or federally operated facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-489. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the administration's policy proposals on disaster assistance and disaster-related insurance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-490. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the "Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences, July-September 1994"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-491. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, prospectuses for U.S. courthouses in Jacksonville, FL, Albany, GA, and Corpus Christi, TX; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-492. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of the December 1994 issue of the Treasury Bulletin; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Wilma A. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be inspector general, Department of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. KYL):

S. 518. A bill to limit the acquisition by the United States of land located in a State in which 25 percent or more of the land in that State is owned by the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. EXON, Mr. FORD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REID, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 519. A bill to require the Government to balance the Federal budget; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 520. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit for adoption expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 521. A bill entitled "the Small Business Enhancement Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 522. A bill to provide for a limited exemption to the hydroelectric licensing provisions of part I of the Federal Power Act for certain transmission facilities associated with the El Vado Hydroelectric Project in New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KYL):

S. 523. A bill to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REID, Mr. BRADLEY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 524. A bill to prohibit insurers from denying health insurance coverage, benefits, or

varying premiums based on the status of an individual as a victim of domestic violence and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. PRES-SLER):

S. 525. A bill to ensure equity in, and increased recreation and maximum economic benefits from, the control of the water in the Missouri River system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 526. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to make modifications to certain provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 527. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade and for the vessel *Empress*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 528. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for three vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. KYL):

S. 518. A bill to limit the acquisition by the United States of land located in a State in which 25 percent or more of the land in that State is owned by the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE NO-NET-LOSS OF PRIVATE LANDS ACT

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill, the No-Net-Loss of Private Lands Act.

Mr. President, this is a bill that I think is a commonsense approach that would begin to slow and halt the Federal Government's continual land acquisition in the public land States.

This is an issue that is peculiar to the West; peculiar to public land States. As you know, as the original States grew at the Mississippi River and beyond, as the States came into the Union, they acquired all the lands that lay within their States. They even went into private ownership, or in fact belonged to the State. Those kinds of things that were of public interest, such as parks and forests and others, were withdrawn later by the Government for a particular use. I certainly support that idea.

In the West, however, it was handled differently. There was a period of time for homestead, and much of the public land was taken up. But there were incentives to take it up. However, the West is peculiar. The arid States are peculiar in that the lands pretty much rely on the water. They rely on the feed for livestock.