

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1139. An act to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

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. 64. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1995 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1139. An act to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; pursuant to the order of May 9, 1995, that if and when reported by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works for a period not to exceed 20 session days to report or be discharged and placed on the calendar.

The following bill, previously ordered held at the desk, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. 770. A bill to provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-93. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

"ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4004

"Whereas, approximately two-thirds of the farmgate value of agricultural production in Washington State is based on minor crops; and

"Whereas, Washington State is one of the most diverse agricultural states in the nation, growing a large number of relatively small but specialized crops of great significance to the American consumer; and

"Whereas, the continued production of these crops and their availability to consumers is dependent on the ability to safely and effectively control insects, weeds, diseases, and other pests; and

"Whereas, an essential tool in the control of pests in either a conventional or an integrated pest management strategy is the availability of pesticides; and

"Whereas, without the availability of a full array of safe and adequate pest management tools, there is likely to be a number of negative consequences including: Decrease in the exports of food products to other countries; increase in imports of less wholesome food products; farming communities will have less diversified economies and will be subject to more economic volatility; decrease of yield; increase in price; decrease in food sup-

ply and variety; decrease in ability to meet state and national produce quality standards; increase in incidents of food safety hazards; and an increase in use of products that have greater impact on human health due to higher toxicity than the products that were previously in use; and

"Whereas, the production of food in several states is similarly affected due to the lack of availability of pest control products for the production of minor crops;

"Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that the appropriate committees of the United States Congress inquire into the effects of the 1988 amendments to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act on the availability of pesticides for the protection of minor crops and that legislation be introduced and voted upon that has considered the following provisions:

"(1) Extend the registrants' exclusive data rights by ten years, thereby increasing the time period over which pesticide registrants have to recoup the cost of registration;

"(2) Establish specific time periods for the Environmental Protection Agency to act on minor crop registrations as an incentive to registrants to pursue additional registrations for minor uses;

"(3) Provide for an extension in the time for registrants to submit data equal to the time it takes for the Environmental Protection Agency to act upon a request for a waiver, so that registrants are not inadvertently forced to develop data during the time the Environmental Protection Agency is deliberating on the waiver request;

"(4) Provide additional time for registrants to generate the necessary residue data for re-registration of pesticides for minor crop uses, or if the registrant is unwilling to finance the generation of the data, to give time to find other methods to generate the required data; and

"(5) Provide a temporary extension of registration for unsupported minor uses so that, if the current registrant declines to request the reregistration, other organizations have the time to comply with registration requirements before cancellation of the registration.

"*Be it resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of Congress from the State of Washington, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture."

POM-94. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Appropriations.

"ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 124

"Whereas, the President of the United States' Fiscal Year 1996 budget proposal includes a significant reduction in funding for ongoing shore protection, beach restoration and flood control projects in New Jersey; and

"Whereas, the completion of these projects is essential to preserving a State and national resource, and can be accomplished only with the assistance of the federal government; and

"Whereas, new Jersey, in establishing a \$15.0 million annual Shore Protection Fund, has clearly committed State funding to assist in the replenishment and preservation of beaches along the New Jersey shore; and

"Whereas, tourism is the State's second largest industry, and the annual \$10.0 billion in tourism spending in the coastal area con-

stitutes approximately one-half of the total tourism spending in the State; and

"Whereas, the proposed budget reduction, if realized, would have a disastrous effect on the shore tourism economy, including the potential loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs directly and indirectly related to the tourism industry, on property values and on State and local tax revenues; Now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of New Jersey*:

"1. The President and the Congress of the United States are respectfully urged to restore funding in the Fiscal Year 1996 federal budget for beach stabilization and flood control projects along the Jersey Shore.

"2. Copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Commander and Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, every member of Congress elected from the State, the Governor of the State, and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection."

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Fairview Park, Ohio relative to telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-96. A resolution adopted by the City of Brook Park, Ohio relative to telecommunications; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio relative to cable television; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-98. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1003

"Whereas, the globalization of the United States economy has resulted in the expansion of international trade and tourism; and

"Whereas, the international trade and tourism are dependent on an efficient transportation system, including the availability of direct international flights with multiple destinations; and

"Whereas, the travel and tourism industry is one of the largest industries in the United States; and

"Whereas, international trade is key to the economic health of this nation and contributes directly and indirectly to more than sixty per cent of new jobs created in the United States in recent years; and

"Whereas, international air service is an important component of international trade and the travel and tourism industry; and

"Whereas, international air service is becoming increasingly important to the economic well-being of states and cities; and

"Whereas, increased international air service results in local job development, an enlarged tax base, access to new markets for local products, increased foreign investment, enhanced cultural exchange and increased visibility on the world stage; and

"Whereas, international air service is regulated by treaties negotiated between sovereign nations of the world; and

"Whereas, with the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement the flow of goods and people will greatly increase among this country, Canada and Mexico, as well as the rest of the world; and

"Whereas, individual states have fought hard and committed resources to securing