

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to the order of August 2, 1995, the following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 714. An act to establish the Medewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 2, 1995 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 21. An act to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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-1267. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on foreign economic collection and industrial espionage; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-1268. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, transmitting, the summary report and compliance annexes to the ACDA annual report for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-262. A petition from a citizen of the State of Missouri relative to National Cemeteries; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-263. A resolution adopted by the TLWH Association of Retired Commissioned Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines relative to the proposed "Filipino Veterans' Equity Act of 1994"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-264. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 75

"Whereas, over 27,619 Hoosiers have given their lives for their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf Conflict, and over 37,510 Hoosiers remain living with service-connected disabilities from injuries inflicted on them while they were serving their country;

"Whereas, those servicemen and servicewomen who have chosen to make a career of defending their country are integral to the success of our military forces throughout the world;

"Whereas, currently disabled veterans receive compensation proportionate to the se-

verity of their injuries; and, military retirees, who have served at least 20 years, accrue retirement pay based on longevity;

"Whereas, federal legislation has been introduced to amend Title 38 of the U.S. Code to eliminate an antiquated inequity which still exists in the federal law applicable to retired career service personnel who also receive service-related disability benefits;

"Whereas, under the 19th century law, these disabled career service personnel are denied concurrent receipt of full retirement pay and disability compensation benefits. They must choose receipt of one or the other or waive an amount of retirement pay equal to the amount of disability compensation benefits;

"Whereas, this discrimination unfairly denies disabled military retirees the longevity pay they have earned by their years of devoted patriotism and loyalty to their country. It, in effect, requires them to pay for their own disability compensation benefits;

"Whereas, many retirees actually returned to active duty to service in Operation Desert Storm and returned home disabled; but, when these loyal Guardsmen and Reservists arrive back home, they were not eligible to receive both VA disability and retirement pay;

"Whereas, no such inequity applies to retired Congress-people, Federal civil service job-holders, or other retirees who are receiving service-related disability benefits;

"Whereas, America's career service-personnel's commitment to their country—in pursuit of national and international goals—must be matched by their own country's allegiance to them for those sacrifices; and

"Whereas, a statutory change is required to correct this injustice: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

"Section 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana urges the United States Congress to amend the United States Code relating to the computation of retired pay to permit full concurrent receipt of military longevity retired pay and service-connected disability compensation benefits.

"Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send certified copies of this resolution to the presiding officers and the majority and minority leaders of both houses of the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, and to each member of the Indiana Congressional delegation."

POM-265. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"RESOLUTION

"Whereas, the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States to retain veterans benefits at their present level of funding; and

"Whereas, the Republican house budget resolution calls for a twenty-seven billion dollar cut in VA programs and a three billion dollar cut in disability compensation payments, while the Republican Senate Budget Resolution calls for a cut of thirty-two billion in VA programs and a six billion cut in disability compensation payments; and

"Whereas, these cuts include placing a cap on the disability compensation for veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, as well as a permanent reduction in the "COLA" (cost of living adjustment) for recipients of the Montgomery GI bill; and

"Whereas, House Republicans have also proposed a freeze on veteran medical care

that will hold funding at current levels for the next seven years and this would mean that veterans would lose twenty-four billion toward their health care, and as a result an estimated four and one-half million veterans would be denied care entirely; and

"Whereas, further proposals call for the closing of thirty-five to four hundred and twelve VA medical facilities, effectively eliminating the convenience of traveling to a VA medical facility close to home for severely disabled veterans and as for the remaining VA medical facilities, they face a proposed one billion cut in funding for improvements of existing hospitals; and

"Whereas, the proposal to cut the fifty million that was appropriated last year to hire VA benefits officers will discourage veterans from filing new compensation claims; and

"Whereas, many of these veterans and widows of veterans are in their sixties and seventies living on fixed incomes, and they can ill-afford these lengthy delays in having their claims resolved; Therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the Congress of the United States to retain veterans benefits at their present level of funding; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Presiding Officer of each branch of congress and to the Members thereof from the Commonwealth."

POM-266. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 842

"Whereas, the Highway Trust Fund, the Aviation Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are wholly user financed and do not contribute one dime to the federal deficit; and

"Whereas, currently a thirty-three billion dollar cash balance, including eighteen and one-half billion dollars of which is unobligated balance, is languishing in these trust fund accounts through an accounting measure designed to mask the actual size of the federal deficit and federal spending in other areas; and

"Whereas, every time a motorist puts gas into the tank of a motor vehicle or a traveler buys an airline ticket user fees are paid into the Highway and Aviation Trust Funds; and

"Whereas, Congress imposed these fees and other taxes with the assurance to the American public that they would be spent on infrastructure improvements; and

"Whereas, economists agree that investment in infrastructure helps productivity, creates jobs, and is essential for economic growth; and

"Whereas, infrastructure spending is the one area that has widespread public support and actually provides a return on taxpayer investment; and

"Whereas, by combining these trust funds with the federal General Fund Budget, these trust fund balances have accrued at the expense of billions of dollars in productivity and safety; and

"Whereas, House Resolution 842, known as the "Truth in Budgeting Act," will remove these trust funds from the General Fund Budget and, by doing so, will restore integrity to the trust funds which are user financed, self-supporting, and directed to specific needs and will restore integrity to the General Fund Budget; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United

States to approve House Resolution 842, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana Congressional delegation."

POM-267. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Appropriations.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41

"Whereas, the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Reno, Nevada, was not included in the federal administration's budget for fiscal year 1995-1996, beginning on October 1, 1995; and

"Whereas, the closing of this Unit will have severe impacts on the management and restoration of rangelands in Nevada and adjacent intermountain states; and

"Whereas, this Unit has been consistently rated as one of the most productive in the nation per dollar spent per scientist, which is attributed to the frugal, appropriate and productive use of federal money; and

"Whereas, Nevada receives less than 1 percent of the federal money expended for agricultural research in the western states; and

"Whereas, the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit's research on both preventing wildfires and restoring burned vegetation is essential to this state because wildfires cost the residents of the State of Nevada millions of dollars annually for suppression, and for loss of livestock, wildlife, habitat, watershed cover, private property and on occasion the loss of human lives; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research on the replacement of, and biological suppression of, cheatgrass has great ecological and economic significance to Nevada because cheatgrass has increased in dominance from less than 1 percent to nearly 25 percent on 19,000,000 acres of sagebrush rangelands during the last 30 years, with the invasion greatly increasing the chances of ignition, rate of spread and the length of the wildfire season; and

"Whereas, this unit is the only research organization conducting weed control experiments in Nevada, with a major role in weed control of tall whitetop (*Lepidium latifolium*), potentially the most biologically and economically devastating weed ever to invade Nevada's meadows and croplands; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research on adapted plant material, seedbed preparation and seeding technology for arid and disturbed lands is important to Nevada because mining reclamation is critical to the mining industry, which in turn is critical to the economy of Nevada; and

"Whereas, the Unit's research in general is critically important to Nevada because it provides a communications link between the users of Nevada's wildlands and the concerned environmental, scientific community and because maintenance of biological diversity is a major scientific and environmental issue in Nevada; and

"Whereas, without the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit, Nevada would become the only significant agricultural state that does not have an Agricultural Research Service research unit; and

"Whereas, there are no existing research units capable of filling the loss created by closing the Nevada unit: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the members of the 68th session of the Nevada Legislature urge the Secretary of Agriculture to maintain funding in the fiscal year beginning on

October 1, 1995, for the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, in the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress is hereby urged to appropriate money for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1995, for the Conservation Biology of Rangelands Research Unit of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA, in the State of Nevada; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the House Appropriations Committee and the House Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval."

POM-268. A resolution adopted by the Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce of the City of Homestead, Florida relative to Homestead Air Reserve Base; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-269. A resolution adopted by the City and County of Denver, Colorado relative to securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

John Raymond Garamendi, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Charles B. Curtis, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mrs. KASSEBAUM, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

Jeanne R. Ferst, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 1999.

(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 Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make reimbursement of defense contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1103. A bill to extend for 4 years the period of applicability of enrollment mix requirement to certain health maintenance organizations providing services under Dayton Area Health Plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1104. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on dichlorofopmethyl; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1105. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on thidiazuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 1106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same insurance reserve treatment to financial guaranty insurance as applies to mortgage guaranty insurance, lease guaranty insurance, and tax-exempt bond insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. PRESSLER):

S. 1107. A bill to extend COBRA continuation coverage to retirees and their dependents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 1108. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate that up to 10 percent of their income tax liability be used to reduce the national debt, and to require spending reductions equal to the amounts so designated.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1109. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Collbran Reclamation Project, Colorado, to the Ute Water Conservancy District and the Collbran Conservancy District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1110. A bill to establish guidelines for the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1111. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1112. A bill to increase the integrity of the food stamp program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SIMON):

S. 1113. A bill to reduce gun trafficking by prohibiting bulk purchases of hand guns; to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1114. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to reduce food stamp fraud and improve the food stamp program through the elimination of food stamp coupons and the use of electronic benefits transfer systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to make reimbursement of defense contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts.