

1996; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Armed Services, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2263. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of proposed rescissions of budgetary resources; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2264. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of activities for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2265. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to requests for extraordinary contractual relief; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2266. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to foreign aviation authorities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2267. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2268. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Aviation System Capital Investment Plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2269. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of accomplishments during fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2270. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to export vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2271. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Department of Transportation Regulatory Reform Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2272. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on waste disposal sites; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2273. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Automotive Fuel Economy Program"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2274. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Airport Improvement Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2275. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on tanker simulator training; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2276. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on tanker navigation safety standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2277. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the evaluation of oil tanker routing; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 811. A bill to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-254).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. Stevens, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Robert E. Morin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he 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. SARBANES:

S. 1682. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Liberty*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1683. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to regard adult relatives who meet State child protection standards as the preferred placement option for children, and to provide for demonstration projects to test the feasibility of establishing kinship care as an alternative to foster care for a child who has adult relatives willing to provide safe and appropriate care for the child; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1684. A bill to require that applications for passports for minors have parental signatures; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1685. A bill to provide income and economic security to the American family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FORD (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1686. A bill to provide for early deferred annuities under chapter 83 of Title 5, United

States Code, for certain former Department of Defense employees who are separated from service by reason of certain defense base closures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1687. A bill to provide for annual payments from the surplus funds of the Federal Reserve System to cover the interest on obligations issued by the Financing Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. LUGAR):

S.J. Res. 51. A joint resolution saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. SIMON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. PELL):

S. Res. 248. A resolution relating to the violence in Liberia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1683. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to regard adult relatives who meet State child protection standards as the preferred placement option for children, and to provide for demonstration projects to test the feasibility of establishing kinship care as an alternative to foster care for a child who has adult relatives willing to provide safe and appropriate care for the child; to the Committee on Finance.

THE KINSHIP CARE ACT OF 1996

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I introduce the Kinship Care Act of 1996. Today Representative Connie Morella is introducing companion legislation in the House.

Grandparents caring for grandchildren represent one of the most underappreciated natural resources in our Nation. They hold tremendous potential for curing one of our society's most pressing maladies: The care of children who have no parents, or whose parents simply aren't up to the task of providing children a stable, secure and nurturing living environment.

There is such a great reservoir of love and experience available to us, and more especially to the tens of thousands of American children who desperately need basic care giving. We provide public assistance to strangers for this kind of care, but the folks available to provide foster care homes are in short supply.

At the same time, inflexibility in current regulations often force us to