

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 433, S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill:

Trent Lott, Don Nickles, Dirk Kempthorne, Rod Grams, Jim Jeffords, Craig Thomas, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Christopher S. Bond, John Ashcroft, Conrad Burns, Judd Gregg, Larry Pressler, Orrin G. Hatch, Mitch McConnell, Hank Brown, Sheila Frahm.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this second cloture vote, if necessary, will occur on Thursday, June 27, 1996, and also Senators should be reminded that all first-degree amendments to the DOD authorization bill must be filed by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, in order to qualify under the provisions of rule XXII.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 25, 1996, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2803. An act to amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials, and for other purposes.

S. 1579. An act to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit Act").

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:10 pm., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House agrees to the resolution (H. Res. 459) expressing profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Bill Emerson, a Representative from the State of Missouri.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1903. An act to designate the bridge, estimated to be completed in the year 2000, that replaces the bridge on Missouri highway 74 spanning from East Cape Girardeau, Illinois, to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge," and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received by the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3415. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury; to the Committee on Finance.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was placed on the calendar:

S. 1219. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of Senate reported that on June 25, 1996, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bills:

S. 1136. An act to control and prevent commercial counterfeiting, and for other purposes.

S. 1579. An act to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit Act").

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-3133. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report concerning maritime terrorism for calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3134. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning an amendment to the list of proscribed destinations, received on June 13, 1996; 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-627. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE MEMORIAL 96-1

"Whereas, For more than 40 years, the federal government developed, produced, and tested nuclear weapons in a number of government-owned facilities throughout the country, including Rocky Flats in Colorado; and

"Whereas, Contamination from these facilities has contributed to environmental damage at the sites, including radiological had hazardous surface and subsurface soil and groundwater contamination at Rocky Flats; and

"Whereas, As a result of the end of the Cold War, the federal government has shifted its focus to environmental restoration and waste cleanup at the facilities; and

"Whereas, The Department of Energy has committed to clean up the nuclear weapons complex; and

"Whereas, If the nuclear weapons complex is not cleaned up in accordance with known health standards, citizens in Colorado and across America will be affected directly or indirectly by the dangers that will continue to exist; and

"Whereas, the cost of cleaning up the Rocky Flats site is estimated to be \$9 billion or more; and

"Whereas, To reach total cleanup, an increase in funding over the next five years is needed but no commitment to this funding has yet been made by the federal government; and

"Whereas, Commitment by the federal government to the full funding of the necessary costs associated with these cleanup activities may be sacrificed as a result of current budget discussions by Congress; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Sixtieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein, That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, urge the federal government to recognize that cleanup of Rocky Flats and other weapons facilities is a related expenditure to the \$4 trillion spent for the Cold war; be it further

Resolved, That we urge the federal government to:

"(1) Make a sustained commitment to completing environmental cleanup at Rocky Flats and its other facilities at a reasonable and justifiable pace that protects human health and the environment;

"(2) Strive not only to comply with environmental laws, but also to be a leader in the field of environmental cleanup, including addressing public health concerns, ecological restoration, and waste management; and

"(3) Consult with officials in Jefferson county, Colorado, and other affected county governments regarding transportation of cleanup materials; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Congress and the President of the United States to approve full funding of all necessary cleanup activities at Rocky Flats and other nuclear weapons facilities."

POM-628. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly of Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico relative to Cabotage; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-629. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

"LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 46

"Whereas Alaska has at least 26 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves in the Prudhoe Bay field and perhaps two to three times that amount of potential natural gas reserves; and

"Whereas, beginning in the period 2002–2005, there may be an increasing gap between supply and demand for natural gas in the Pacific Rim; and

"Whereas market and economic studies indicate favorable conditions for the sale of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to these Pacific Rim markets; and

"Whereas major permits for a pipeline route from the North Slope to Valdez have been completed; and

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"and be it further

"Resolved, That the State of Alaska respectfully requests the President of the United States to demonstrate national support for an ANS gas transmission project to Asian LNG buyers; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Governor is respectfully requested to

"(1) assure the Asian LNG buyers that the state will provide continuity and stability in regards to North Slope natural gas supply, tax structure, and regulatory policy;

"(2) continue support of the Joint Pipeline Office, which administers an innovative, efficient, and cost-effective permitting system;

"(3) encourage the private developers of the gas pipeline and the state's labor forces to develop an Alaska hire agreement for the ANS gas transmission project; and

"(4) meet with all parties to determine how the state can help facilitate the ANS gas transmission pipeline; and be it further

"Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Alaska State Legislature, appoint an interim working group to track progress and assist the transportation permit holder, the working interest owners of the Prudhoe Bay and Point Thompson units, and the administration in developing a unified proposal for presentation to the Asian market; the legislative interim working group shall report on the status of the project and any proposed legislative actions to the Resources Committees of the Alaska House of Representatives and Alaska Senate by February 1, 1997; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature strongly supports the construction of an ANS gas transmission pipeline and offers its assistance to the parties involved in order to speed completion of an ANS gas transmission project."

POM-630. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 266.

"A concurrent resolution to make an urgent request to the Congress of the United States to release to the states, including Michigan, all federal road funding due under the gas tax formula.

"Whereas, The quality of Michigan roadways has a great deal to do with the state's competitiveness in attracting and retaining jobs for our citizens. Every individual and every business in Michigan is affected when Michigan roads suffer from insufficient maintenance. Finding the means to meet this financial challenge is of the utmost importance to both state and local policymakers as we prepare for the twenty-first century; and

"Whereas, The difficult task of providing excellence in transportation in Michigan is made far worse by some of the current practices of the federal government with regard to the allocation of money raised by the federal gas tax; and

"Whereas, The current practices of the federal government with regards to the allocation of dollars raised by the federal tax made it difficult for Michigan to improve and ex-

pand its transportation system. Of the states required to send money to the federal government, in accordance with the federal funding formula, Michigan sends significantly more money to Washington than it receives back. In 1993, for example, Michigan paid a total of \$733.7 million to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and only \$520.1 million was returned; and

"Whereas, In addition, even more money designated for return to Michigan, and several other states, is being withheld by federal transportation authorities. This money is critical to our transportation infrastructure and a vital component of the state's economic well-being.

"Whereas, The current budget debate offers an opportunity to reexamine this critical aspect of public spending. This examination should include immediately correcting the gross inequities in allocating the funds generated by the federal gas tax; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we respectfully, but urgently, ask the Congress of the United States to release to the states, including Michigan, any federal road funding due under the gas tax formula but currently being held back by the federal government; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker, of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Michigan congressional delegation with the request that each member review this issue, offering a formal response to this body, the Michigan State Senate."

POM-631. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Finance.

"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96-11

"Whereas, Encouraging the private provision of health care coverage is a laudable and legitimate governmental objective; and

"Whereas, The provision of health care insurance or other health care coverage assists in mitigating the impacts of providing uncompensated health care on the health care system; and

"Whereas, Tax benefits associated with the payment of health care insurance premiums and the costs of funding other methods of covering health care costs should be fair and equitable regardless of the method used; and

"Whereas, Individuals and employees should be encouraged and have the freedom to choose the method by which they provide for the expenses of the health care they receive; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate of the Sixtieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein: That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, are desirous of federal legislation that affords equal tax treatment for the costs of health care insurance purchased by employers, by employees and individuals who are self-employed, and by individuals who are not self-employed; be it further

"Resolved, That we support federal legislation that affords equal tax treatment for the management of health care costs through the use of medical savings accounts; be it further

"Resolved, That we call for the United States Congress to establish a plan for tax equity in the treatment of contributions, expenses and costs associated with employer-based health care insurance, individually-paid health care insurance, health care not covered by Medicare, and the use of individual medical savings accounts; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United

States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996" (Rept. No. 104-289).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1802. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-290).

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

S. 1871. A bill to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-291).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1772. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

H.R. 2660. A bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2679. A bill to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 2982. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Carbon Hill National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama.

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1784. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

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. HEFLIN:

S. 1902. A bill to provide for the establishment of National Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr.

ASHCROFT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COATS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SIMON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KYL, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. MACK, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1903. A bill to designate the bridge, estimated to be completed in the year 2000, that replaces the bridge on Missouri highway 74 spanning from East Girardeau, Illinois, to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge", and for other purposes; considered and passed.