

"Whereas the State of Alaska has been implementing changes to minimize the cost burden on marginal oil and gas projects and those nearing their economic end: Be it

*Resolved* that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency cease from imposing additional, duplicative reporting mandates on industry; and be it further

*Resolved* that, if the Environmental Protection Agency continues with the implementation of the proposed rule, the Alaska State Legislature requests that oil and gas exploration and production be exempted from the TRI program reporting requirements."

POM-645. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

"LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 70

"Whereas the United States Congress, by its authority to regulate commerce among the states, has repeatedly preempted state laws, including those relating to health, welfare, transportation, communications, banking, environment, and civil justice, reducing the ability of state legislatures to be responsive to their constituents; and

"Whereas more than one-half of all federal laws preempting states have been enacted by the Congress since 1969, intensifying an erosion of state power that leaves an essential part of our constitutional structure—federalism—standing precariously; and

"Whereas the United States Constitution anticipates that our American federalism will allow differences among state laws, expecting people to seek change through their own legislatures without federal legislators representing other states preempting states to impose national laws; and

"Whereas constitutional tension necessary to protect liberty arises from the fact that federal law is "the supreme Law of the Land" while, in contrast, powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the states or to the people, and that tension can exist only when states are not preempted and, thus, remain credible powers in the federal system; and

"Whereas less federal preemption means states can act as laboratories of democracy, seeking novel social and economic policies without risk to the nation; and

"Whereas S. 1629 is designed to create mechanisms for careful consideration of proposals that would preempt states in areas historically within their purview through procedural mechanisms in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, namely—

"(1) in the legislative branch, by requiring a statement of constitutional authority and an expression of the intent to preempt states;

"(2) in the executive branch, by curbing agencies that may preempt beyond their legislative authority;

"(3) in the judicial branch, by codifying judicial deference to state laws where the Congress is not clear in its intent to preempt; be it

*Resolved*, That the Alaska State Legislature urges that

"(1) the congressional delegation of this state cosponsor S. 1629 in order to show its support for a decisive role for states within the federal system;

"(2) the United States Congress enact S. 1629, the Tenth Amendment Enforcement Act of 1996, in order to strengthen the political safeguards of federalism as anticipated under the United States Constitution; and

"(3) the President of the United States sign S. 1629 as a means of ensuring full consider-

ation of federalism principles within the exercise of executive powers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCONNELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3540. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-295).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1194. A bill to amend the Mining and Mineral Policy Act of 1970 to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-296).

S. 1225. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory of historic sites, buildings, and artifacts in the Champlain Valley and the upper Hudson River Valley, including the Lake George area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-297).

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

S. 1646. A bill to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance safety, training, research and development, and safety education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-298).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1703. A bill to amend the Act establishing the National Park Foundation (Rept. No. 104-299).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1823. A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-300).

H.R. 2967. A bill to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-301).

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

H.R. 3008. A bill to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-302).

By Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1648. 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 *HERCO TYME* (Rept. No. 104-303).

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

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 (Rept. No. 104-304).

S. 1825. 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 *HALCYON* (Rept. No. 104-305).

S. 1826. 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 *COURIER SERVICE* (Rept. No. 104-306).

S. 1828. 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 *TOP GUN*, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-307).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on June 26, 1996:

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

The following candidates for personnel action in the regular corps of the Public Health Service subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations:

1. FOR APPOINTMENT:

*To be assistant surgeon:*

John M. Balintona	Rochelle Nolte
Al-Karim A. Dhanji	David C. Houghton
Heidi C. Erickson	John Mohs
Tracey A. Ford	Mark A. Sheffler
	Kimberly S. Stolz

(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 Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. John S. Redd, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of Admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

*To be admiral*

Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Kinzer, 000-00-0000.