

EC-2164. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2165. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2166. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2167. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2168. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2169. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2170. A communication from the Chairman of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2171. A committee from the Executive Director of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the Procurement List received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2172. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems" (RIN3206-AH88) received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2173. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for April 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2174. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Performance and Results Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2175. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Career Transition Assistance" (RIN3206-AH26) received on June 10, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2176. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer and President of the Resolution Funding Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2177. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmit-

ting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Statistical Confidentiality Act"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2178. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2179. A communication from the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "The Condition of Education 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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-139. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, antipersonnel land mines kill or maim an average of 71 persons per day, the majority of whom are civilian; and

Whereas, the estimated 80,000,000 to 110,000,000 antipersonnel land mines strewn across at least 64 countries, cause havoc in the economics of developing nations: refugees cannot return home, farmers cannot till fields, relief shipments cannot be delivered, herd animals cannot approach water holes, health care systems are overwhelmed by land mine victims and clearance costs are extraordinary; and

Whereas, the ecological and economic impact of antipersonnel land mines has yet to be fully calculated; they render arable land useless, and contribute to over-farming of suitable land; and

Whereas, the United States has been a major producer and exporter of antipersonnel land mines for more than the past 25 years; and

Whereas, the cost, to the American taxpayers of salaries, equipment, transportation, and other needs of removing antipersonnel land mines was approximately \$17,000,000 from 1989 to 1996 and will continue to adversely affect the civilian sector of the United States economy; and

Whereas, despite international momentum for a global ban on antipersonnel land mines, a recent United Nations conference failed to negotiate a ban; and

Whereas, at the Ottawa International Strategy Conference in Ottawa, Canada in October, 1996, the governments of 50 nations adopted the "Ottawa Process" recognizing the urgent need for a ban on antipersonnel mines and outlined actions for reaching a ban rapidly in the hope of signing a treaty to ban antipersonnel land mines in Ottawa in December, 1997; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives urges the United States to take action to negotiate an international ban on the manufacture, stockpiling, transfer and use of antipersonnel land mines, with a view to completing the negotiations as soon as possible, by active participation in the Ottawa process by which an international treaty banning antipersonnel land mines will be ready for signing in December, 1997; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of The House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the Presiding Officers of the

Congress and to the Members thereof from this Commonwealth.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 363. A bill to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program (Rept. No. 105-27).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 63. A resolution proclaiming the week of October 19 through October 25, 1997, as "National Character Counts Week."

S. Res. 92. A resolution designating July 2, 1997, and July 2, 1998, as "National Literacy Day."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Margaret M. Morrow, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to assist the development of small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 889. A bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 890. A bill to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COATS, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. COVERDELL):