

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil? By U.S. producers using American workers?

Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 7,678,000 barrels a day.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McMathran, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting one nomination which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12 noon, a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 768. An act for the relief of the Michel Christopher Meili, Guiseppina Meili, Mirjam Naomi Meili, and Davide Meili.

At 1:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Geotz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2158. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 858) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers on the part of the House.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GOSS, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BASS, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. DIXON, Mr. SKAGGS, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. BISHOP.

From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. DELLUMS.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2158. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

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-2508. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2509. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products" (RIN1904-AA61) received on July 14, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2510. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Rehabilitation Short-Term Training" (RIN1820-ZA09) received on July 15, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2511. A communication from the Chairman and President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2512. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second-half fiscal year 1996 semi-annual report on program activities to facilitate weapons destruction and nonproliferation in the Former Soviet Union; referred jointly, pursuant to Sec. 1208 of Public Law 103-160, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Armed Services, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2514. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2515. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2516. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs),

transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2517. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of a proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2518. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2519. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules received on July 14, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2520. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to outsourcing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2521. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the TRICARE evaluation plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2522. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2523. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2524. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activated Reservists; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-50).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1033: An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-51).

By Mr. BURNS, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments:

H.R. 2016: A bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-52).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1034: An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-53).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1032: An original bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue insurance and extend financing.