

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 714. An act to extend and improve the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 1139) to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2513. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2614. An act to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2813. An act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict.

At 7:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 104. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 104. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore [Mr. ENZI].

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 8:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 813. An act to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal

penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries.

S. 1377. An act to amend the act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction.

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2614. An act to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 9, 1997, the following bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for the consideration of matters within its jurisdiction for a period not to exceed 10 calendar days:

S. 1216. A bill to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 9, 1997, the following bill was discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. 629. A bill entitled the "OECD Shipbuilding Agreement Act."

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2513. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1271. A bill to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-152).

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. TORRICELLI:

S. 1493. A bill to amend section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the disclosure of all criminal incidents that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1494. A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (by request):

S. 1495. A bill to amend section 7703 of title 5, United States Code, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1496. A bill to remove inequities between Congressional and contract employees regarding access to health insurance; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1497. A bill to release contributors of ordinary trash and minor amounts of hazardous substances from litigation under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1498. A bill to require States to adopt laws prohibiting open alcoholic containers in automobiles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1499. A bill to amend the title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and other laws to assure the rights of enrollees under managed care plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1500. A bill to amend the Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act to establish voluntary standards for certifying forest products cultivated, harvested, and processed in tropical environments in Hawaii and to grant a certification for Hawaii tropical forest products that meet the voluntary standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1501. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve protection for workers in multiemployer pension plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GREGG, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1502. A bill entitled the "District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997"; considered and passed.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1503. A bill to protect the voting rights of homeless citizens; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 1504. A bill to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1505. A bill to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. ROTH):

S. 1506. A bill to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act (P.L. 104-272); considered and passed.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1507. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to amake certain technical corrections; considered and passed.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1508. A bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to construct a Capitol Visitor Center under the direction of the United States Preservation Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1509. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to use vegetation sales contracts in managing land at Fort Stanton and certain nearby acquired land along the Rio Bonita in Lincoln County, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1510. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1511. A bill to amend section 3165 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to clarify the authority in the section; considered and passed.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1512. A bill to amend section 659 of title 18, United States Code; 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 Ms. SNOWE:

S. Res. 150. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that if a new \$1 coin is minted, the Secretary of the Treasury should be authorized to mint and circulate \$1 coins bearing a likeness of Margaret Chase Smith; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. FORD):

S. Res. 151. A resolution to amend the Standing Rules, of the Senate to require the Committee on Rules and Administration to develop, implement, update as necessary a strategic planning process for the functional and technical infrastructure support of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 152. A resolution to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in City of New York, et al. v. William Clinton, et al., and related cases; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 153. A resolution to authorize production of Senate documents and representation by Senate Legal Counsel in the of Sherry Yvonne Moore v. Capitol Guide Board; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 154. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the museum entitled "The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future" in Dallas, Texas, be designated as millennium project for the United States; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 1493. A bill to amend section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the disclosure of all criminal incidents that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

THE CAMPUS HATE CRIMES RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, every year, over 14 million students and their parents agonize over where to attend college. They spend months researching schools and visiting campuses in an effort to find the perfect fit. At the top of the list of characteristics students and their parents look for in a school is a safe learning environment. Information is the key to choosing such an environment. Under current law, students and their parents do not have access to all the information necessary to make an informed choice.

Current law requires colleges and universities to report statistics on crimes that occur on their campuses. However, colleges are only required to report those hate crimes that result in murder, rape, or aggravated assault. These three categories of crimes only represent 16 percent of the total number of hate crimes that occur on college campuses every year. Vandalism, harassment, and simple assault comprise the vast majority of hate crimes. Under current law, however, colleges are not required to report these crimes.

Current law also does not require colleges and universities to report hate crimes against women and the disabled. Thus, parents of daughters or disabled students have no idea whether the college to which they will send their children is safe.

Students and parents have the right to information about all hate crimes committed on their prospective college campuses. My bill, the Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997, will ensure that they have access to that information.

The Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act does two very important things: it expands college reporting requirements to include all hate crimes, not just those that result in murder, rape and aggravated assault; and, it includes gender and disability in the class protected by the reporting requirement. Under current law, colleges need only report hate crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity. My bill will cover these four categories plus gender and disability.

Our Nation's college campuses should be a refuge from crime, particularly heinous attacks motivated by hatred and bigotry. The disturbing truth, however, is that college campuses are often fertile ground for bigotry. A recent study done by the Maryland Prejudice Institute reported that 25 percent of minority college students attending predominantly white colleges have been victimized by hate. In 1996, 90 incidents of anti-Semitic activity on college campuses were reported to the Anti-Defamation League.

In September 1996, 60 Asian-American college students at a California university received threats from another student via e-mail messages threatening that all Asian-Americans would be hunted and killed. Under current law, this offense would not appear on a campus crime report.

The Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act will provide students and their parents with vital information so that they may better protect themselves against such crimes. It will also encourage college officials to raise awareness about these crimes and develop programs and strategies to combat them.

The damage done by hate crimes goes beyond physical injury. Hate crimes, whether they take the form of painting a swastika on someone's dorm room door or gang beating a student believed to be gay, leave the victim feeling fearful, vulnerable, and isolated.

Our children are our future. Their college years are among the most exciting and formative of their lives. By introducing the Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997, I hope to empower students and parents with all of the information necessary to ensure that those years are as safe as possible.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent at this time that the text of the Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997, in its entirety, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1493

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DISCLOSURE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Campus Hate Crimes Right to Know Act of 1997".

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the incidence of violence on college campuses based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability poses a serious national problem;

(2) such violence disrupts the tranquility and safety of campuses and is deeply divisive;

(3) hate crimes include crimes in which the perpetrator intentionally selects a victim because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability of the victim;

(4) existing Federal reporting requirements only require colleges and universities to report hate crimes that result in murder, rape, or aggravated assault;

(5) existing reporting requirements are inadequate to deal with the problem of hate