

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:15 a.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 an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 927. An act to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 202. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forgo a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 210(c)(1) of Public Law 105-119, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Census Monitoring Board: Mr. J. Kenneth Blackwell of Ohio and Mr. David W. Murray of Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 3162(b) of Public Law 104-201, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise: Mr. Robert B. Barker of California and Mr. Roland F. Herbst of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 955(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-83, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the National Council on the Arts: Mr. DOOLITTLE of California and Mr. BALLENGER of North Carolina.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 491 of the Higher Education Act, as amended by section 407 of Public Law 99-498, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following member of the part of the House to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term: Mr. Henry Givens of Missouri.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1248. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for vessel SUMMER BREEZE (Rept. No. 105-161).

S. 1272. 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 ARCELLA (Rept. No. 105-162).

S. 1235. 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 registered as State of Oregon official number OR 766 YE (Rept. No. 105-163).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. Res. 148. A resolution designating 1998 as the "Onate Cuartocentenario", the 400th anniversary commemoration of the first permanent Spanish settlement in New Mexico.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

Richard L. Young, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana.

Edward F. Shea, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Jeremy D. Fogel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Hiram Arthur Contreras, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(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. ALLARD:

S. 1635. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the maximum capital gains rates, to index capital assets for inflation, and to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1636. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1637. A bill to expedite State review of criminal records of applicants for bail enforcement officer employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERREY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAU, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1638. A bill to help parents keep their children from starting to use tobacco products, to expose the tobacco industry's past misconduct and to stop the tobacco industry from targeting children, to eliminate or greatly reduce the illegal use of tobacco products by children, to improve the public health by reducing the overall use of to-

bacco, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 1639. A bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 to cover Federal facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 1640. A bill to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1641. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for establishing a national historic trail to commemorate and interpret the history of women's rights in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1642. A bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1643. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay for one year implementation of the per beneficiary limits under the interim payment system to home health agencies and to provide for a later base year for the purposes of calculating new payment rates under the system; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1644. A bill to amend subpart 4 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding Grants to States for State Student Incentives; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. COATS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BOND, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1645. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. BUMPERS):

S. 1646. A bill to repeal a provision of law preventing donation by the Secretary of the Navy of the two remaining Iowa-class battle- ships listed on the Naval Vessel Register and related requirements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. KENNEDY) (by request):

S. 1647. A bill to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.