

Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1150) to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agriculture research programs, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 3433. An act to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work, to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to make additional miscellaneous amendments relating to Social Security.

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

H. Con. Res. 285. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should reconsider his decision to be formally received in Tiananmen Square by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 284. Concurrent resolution revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1999, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 285. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should reconsider his decision to be formally received in Tiananmen Square by the Government of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3433: An act to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work, to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to make additional miscellaneous amendments relating to Social Security.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1275. A bill to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-201).

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. 1693. A bill to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System (Rept. No. 105-202).

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

H.R. 1460. A bill to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-203).

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

S. 2137. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-204).

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

S. 2069. A bill to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment (Rept. No. 105-205).

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

S. 2138. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-206).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1279. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to provide for the transfer of services and personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of Self-Governance, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-207).

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. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 2135. A bill to amend title 42, United States Code, to protect human life; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 2136. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 2137. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2138. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 2139. 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 YESTERDAYS DREAM; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2140. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 2141. A bill to require certain notices in any mailing using a game of chance for the promotion of a product or service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. 2142. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to protect human life; 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. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. Res. 244. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the ninth anniversary of the massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators on Tiananmen Square by military forces acting under orders from the Government of the People's Republic of China; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 2135. A bill to amend title 42, United States Code, to protect human life; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

LEGISLATION TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to protect human life; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, our Nation's founding document, the Declaration of Independence, ultimately proclaimed that the right to life comes from God and that it is unalienable. Life itself, the declaration