

to exceed the greater of \$50 per capita or \$150,000,000 per calendar year but failed to include an automatic inflationary multiplier to ensure that the purchasing power of this resource did not become diminished; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's relatively small growth in population has limited the amount of tax-exempt private activity bonds available, thus leading to an inadequate amount to meet the tax-exempt private activity financing demands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its agencies and political subdivisions; and

Whereas, the Congress, in the Tax Reform Code of 1986, established restrictions on the low-income housing tax credit that imposed a limit based on each state's population to be equal to \$1.25 per capita per calendar year but failed to include an automatic inflationary multiplier to ensure that the purchasing power of this resource did not become diminished; and

Whereas, since 1987 the effects of annual inflation have diluted the purchasing power of these housing and economic development efforts by 40%, thereby reducing the real value of private activity bonds from \$600,000,000 in 1987 to only \$360,000,000 in 1997 and reducing the real value of Pennsylvania's share of low-income housing tax credits from \$1.25 per capita in 1987 to only \$0.75 per capita in 1997; and

Whereas, losing \$240,000,000 in the real value of tax-exempt private activity bonding resource along with \$0.50 of annual per capita credits from the low-income housing tax credit resource has greatly impaired the ability of this State and the nation to provide affordable housing and job opportunities by reducing nearly in half the number of single-family housing units and multifamily housing units available and affordable to first-time homebuyers and renters in Pennsylvania and has reduced the ability of its agencies and political subdivisions to provide economic stimulation; and

Whereas, if the State and its agencies and political subdivisions continue to be unable to provide levels of tax-exempt private activity bond financing and low-income housing tax credit financing for these purposes, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be further grievously damaged; therefore be it

Resolved (the Senate concurring). That the General Assembly memorialize Congress to increase immediately the tax-exempt private activity volume cap and the allocation of low-income housing tax credits available to each state, including Pennsylvania, to levels that would fully restore the tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap purchasing power and the low-income housing tax credit purchasing power of each state, including Pennsylvania, to levels that would offset the diluted effects of inflation since 1987 and to index increases for these resources to inflation in future years; and be it further

Resolved. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-500. A resolution adopted by the Town of Bourne, Massachusetts relative to contamination of the Campbell Elementary School on the Mass Military Reservation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 627. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act (Rept. No. 105-222).

S. 2090. A bill to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-223).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 2095. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (Rept. No. 105-224).

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

S. 1482. A bill to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-225).

S. 1619. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to study systems for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet, to require the installation of such a system on computers in schools and libraries with Internet access, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-226).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 39. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with a preamble:

S. Res. 240. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

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

S. 1976. A bill to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 97. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

William Lloyd Massey, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2003. (Reappointment)

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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

John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth circuit.

Dan A. Polster, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Robert G. James, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Ralph E. Tyson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Raner Christercunean Collins, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Russell J. Anarde, 0781
Col. Anthony W. Bell, 4246
Col. Robert Damon Bishop, Jr., 9524
Col. Marion E. Callender, Jr., 6380
Col. Kevin P. Chilton, 6603
Col. Trudy H. Clark, 2591
Col. Richard L. Comer, 4255
Col. Craig R. Cooning, 4416
Col. John D.W. Corley, 9553
Col. David A. Deptula, 6792
Col. Gary R. Dylewski, 7306
Col. Edward R. Ellis, 9696
Col. Leonard D. Fox, 1435
Col. Terry L. Gabreski, 2941
Col. Jonathan S. Gration, 9630
Col. Michael A. Hamel, 2699
Col. William F. Hodgkins, 0138
Col. John L. Hudson, 5860
Col. David L. Johnson, 8568
Col. Walter I. Jones, 8782
Col. Daniel P. Leaf, 9223
Col. Paul J. Lebras, 9625
Col. Richard B.H. Lewis, 1265
Col. Stephen P. Luebbert, 9120
Col. Dale W. Meyerrose, 1611
Col. David L. Moody, 4219
Col. Quentin L. Peterson, 7151
Col. Douglas J. Richardson, 2865
Col. Ben T. Robinson, 7005
Col. John W. Rosa, Jr., 3351
Col. James G. Roudebush, 9187
Col. Ronald F. Sams, 5888
Col. Stanley A. Sieg, 3623
Col. James B. Smith, 5309
Col. Joseph B. Sovey, 2815
Col. Lawrence H. Stevenson, 8269
Col. Robert P. Summers, 8833
Col. Peter U. Sutton, 9325
Col. Donald J. Wetekam, 0322
Col. William M. Wilson, Jr., 9364

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., 8691

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 6057

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: