

EC-1373. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2000; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-14. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Camden, New Jersey, relative to the impeachment of the President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table.

POM-15. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Humbolt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District, Eureka, California, relative to proposed infrastructure rebuilding legislation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-16. A resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Grundy, Virginia, relative to steel and coke exports; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 166

Whereas, the establishment of high occupancy vehicle ("HOV") lane restrictions on Interstate Highway Route No. 287 ("I-287") was intended as a means of promoting car pooling in an effort to improve the State's air quality; and

Whereas, the number of eligible vehicles that use the HOV lanes on I-287 has not come close to meeting the State's expected projections for land usage, which shows that the HOV lane restrictions have not had the effect of encouraging car pooling at satisfactory levels; and

Whereas, because of the HOV lane restrictions on I-287, a much larger number of citizens who use the non-restricted lanes of that highway are subjected to frequent heavy traffic situations, which result in high costs in fuel burned and hourly wages lost, while the overall levels of air pollution and noise increase, all of which represent a severe reduction in the quality of life of those citizens; and

Whereas, since a considerable amount of effort is used by the State Police in enforcing the HOV lane restrictions on I-287, the availability of the State Police in combating other motor vehicle-related crimes on other highways of this State is diminished; and

Whereas, it is appropriate for this House to express this policy to protect the citizens of this State who are adversely affected by excessive automobile, bus and truck traffic as a result of the HOV lane restrictions; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the Legislature memorialize Congress to enact Congresswoman Roukema's amendment to H.R. 4328 which would require the United States Secretary of Transportation to waive repayment of any Federal-aid highway funds expended on the construction of HOV lanes on I-287 if the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation assures the Secretary that the removal of HOV lane restrictions on I-287 is in the public interest; now, therefore, be it

*RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Congress of the United States is respectfully memorialized to enact Congresswoman Roukema's amendment to H.R. 4328

which would require the United States Secretary of Transportation to waive repayment of any Federal-aid highway funds expended on the construction of high occupancy vehicle ("HOV") lanes on Interstate Highway Route 287 if the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation assures the Secretary that the removal of HOV lane restrictions on Interstate Route 287 is in the public interest.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation, the United States Secretary of Transportation, and each member of Congress from the State of New Jersey.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 119

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Transportation, pursuant to the 1996 Immigration Reform Act, has proposed regulations requiring states to follow federal guidelines in producing and issuing drivers' licenses; and

Whereas, these regulations would mandate that all states collect and verify the social security numbers of licensed drivers and that these numbers be placed on the licenses of these drivers in a form that is electronically readable, unless the state explicitly prohibits this practice; and

Whereas, these regulations would further allow the federal government to dictate the acceptable evidence and documentation of identity required to obtain a state driver's license; and

Whereas, these regulations would impose a significant cost burden on New Jersey by requiring the reformatting of its driver's license and the establishment of an electronic verification system with the Social Security Administration; and

Whereas, the placement of social security numbers on New Jersey driver's licenses, unless a law expressly prohibiting this practice is enacted, raises serious concerns about the security of the personal information of this State's drivers in an era when "identity theft" and other breaches of privacy are on the increase; and

Whereas, these regulations would impose an unfunded federal mandate on the states that promises to far exceed, in total, the maximum \$100 million permitted under the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1994 and, contrary to the provisions of that act, have been put forth without "timely and meaningful input" from state elected officials or their national organizations, according to the National Council of State Legislatures; and

Whereas, by proposing these regulations to implement a provision of the Immigration Reform Act, the U.S. Department of Transportation is, in effect, seeking to federalize the production and issuance of driver's licenses, functions which heretofore have remained in the domain of the states; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. That this House respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to prevent this costly and unnecessary intrusion on the prerogatives of the states to produce and issue drivers' licenses in keeping with the dictates of their citizens by repealing Section 656(b) of the Immigration Reform Act of 1996, which the proposed Department of Transportation regulations are intended to implement.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker and attested by

the Clerk, shall be transmitted to the Vice President of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of Congress elected from this State.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of December 8, 1990, the following reports of committees were submitted on February 2, 1999:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4: A bill to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces; and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-1).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 262: A bill to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-2).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Committee Activities of the Select Committee on Intelligence" (Rept. No. 106-3).

#### 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. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 333. A bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to improve the farmland protection program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 334. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 335. A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 336. A bill to curb deceptive and misleading games of chance mailings, to provide Federal agencies with additional investigative tools to police such mailings, to establish additional penalties for such mailings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HATCH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr.