

H.R. 118. An act to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 560. An act the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 686. An act to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1121. An act to designate the Federal Building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1162. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana as the "William H. Hatcher Bridge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution urging the Congress and the President to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 509. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property.

H.R. 510. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

H.R. 1480. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2850. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant

to law, a report of expenditures for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2851. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and Plan Administrator, Production Credit Association Retirement Committee, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual pension plan report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2852. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Survey Cycle for the Southwestern Michigan Appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-A168), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2853. A communication from the Director, Office of Insurance Programs, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program; New Premiums" (RIN3206-A154), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Wilderness Battlefield; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2855. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims and Effective Dates for the Award of Educational Assistance" (RIN2900-AH76), received on May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2856. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Authorization to Issue Certification for Foreign Health Care Workers" (RIN115-AF43), received on May 2, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2857. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to workforce reductions for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2858. A Communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2859. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2860. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the fiscal year 1999 National Defense Authorization Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2862. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Patriot PAC-3 major defense acquisition program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2863. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a decision to study certain functions for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2864. A communication from the Alternate Office of the Secretary of Defense Fed-

eral Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OSD Privacy Program", received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2865. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Form BDW and related rules 15b1-1, 15b3-1, 15b6-1, 15Ba2-2, 15Bc3-1, 15Ca1-1 and 15Cc1-1 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AG69), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2866. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to a non-profit education foundation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2867. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to amending the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2868. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanut Production, Research and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" (Docket No. FV-98-703-FR), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2869. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretariat, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (RIN0970-AB77), received on April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2870. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2871. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2872. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2873. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2874. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Medicare prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2875. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Chiropractic Services in Medicare HMOs and Medicare+Choice (M+C) Organizations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2876. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Evaluation"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2877. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Early Implementation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2878. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Support Enforcement Program; Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting" (RIN0970-AB72); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2879. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Significant Reduction in the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual" (RIN1545-AT78), received on April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2880. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement 99-40", received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2881. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 99-18", received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2882. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 99-18", received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2883. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 99-23", received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 50:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. John E. Shkor, 0602

Captain Evelyn J. Fields, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Office of NOAA Corp Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

Captain Nicholas A. Prah, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

(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.)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of March 8, 1999 and April 15, 1999, at the end of the

Senate proceedings, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nomination of James W. Bartlett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 8, 1999.

Coast Guard nomination beginning William L. Chaney, and ending William E. Shea, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 8, 1999.

Coast Guard nomination beginning Ashley B. Aclin, and ending Michael J. Zeruto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 15, 1999.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THURMOND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 959. A bill to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 960. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish pension counseling programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 961. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve shared appreciation arrangements; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 962. A bill to allow a deduction from gross income for year 2000 computer conversion costs of small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 963. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve family-held forest lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 964. A bill to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 965. A bill to restore a United States voluntary contribution to the United Nations Population Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REID:

S. 966. A bill to require medicare providers to disclose publicly staffing and performance in order to promote improved consumer information and choice, to protect employees of medicare providers who report concerns

about the safety and quality of services provided by medicare providers or who report violations of Federal or State law by those providers, and to require review of the impact on public health and safety of proposed mergers and acquisitions of medicare providers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 967. A bill to provide a uniform national standard to ensure that concealed firearms are available only to authorized persons for lawful purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 968. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development, for the purposes of maximizing the available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 969. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to authorize schools to apply appropriate discipline measures in cases where students have weapons or threaten to harm others, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. KOHL):

S. Res. 96. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding a peaceful process of self-determination in East Timor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MACK, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 97. A resolution designating the week of May 2 through 8, 1999, as the 14th Annual Teacher Appreciation Week, and designating Tuesday, May 4, 1999, as National Teacher Day; considered and agreed to.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THURMOND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 959. A bill to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE OCEANS ACT OF 1999

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Oceans Act of