

"Timing of Police Corps Reimbursements of Educational Expenses" (RIN1121-AA50) (OJP-1205), received June 18, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3857. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance of Certain Functions by National Futures Association With Respect to Those Foreign Firms Acting in the Capacity of a Futures Commission Merchant," received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated on Wednesday, June 23, 1999:

EC-3899. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 97-01; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3900. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a report entitled "Buckle Up America: The Presidential Initiative for Increasing Seat Belt Use Nationwide"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3901. A communication from the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of NHTSA Plan for Side Impact Regulation Harmonization and Upgrade"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3902. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Office of Inspector General audit recommendations for the period ending March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3903. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3904. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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EC-3906. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3907. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Refugee Resettlement Program for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3908. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Defense Environmental Quality Program Annual Report" for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3909. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998 and an opinion letter and corporate decisions relative to state law with respect to national banks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3910. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program" (FR Doc. 99-12100, published in 64 FR 26273, May 14, 1999), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3911. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Engineering Services, Architectural Services, Surveying, and Mapping Services" (FR Doc. 99-12267, published in 64 FR 26275, May 14, 1999), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3912. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Loan Program; Correction" (FR Doc. 99-6856, 3/19/99, 64 FR 13667), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3913. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Surety Bond Guarantees" (FR Doc. 99-9268, 4/13/99, 64 FR 18324), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3914. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Loan Program" (FR Doc. 99-559, 1/13/99, 64 FR 2115. Also see correction: FR Doc. 99-12574, 5/20/99, 64 FR 27445), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-3915. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Regulations and Legislation Division, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branch Closings", received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3916. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Policies and Operations; Leasing; General Provisions; Accounting and Reporting Requirements" (RIN3052-AB63), received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3917. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Adjustment in Payment Amounts for New Technology; Intraocular Lenses Furnished by Ambulatory Surgical Centers" (HCF A-3831-F), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3918. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects to Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry—Notice of Solicitation for Applications" (RIN0648-ZA09), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3919. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Date of an Emergency Interim Rule (Established additional observer coverage requirements for the 20 catcher/processor vessels and established in-season authority to manage the non-pollock harvest limitations required under the American Fisheries Act)" (RIN0648-AM06), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3920. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Domestic Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Quota Harvested for Summer Period for the Scup Fishery" (RIN0648-AL74 for final specifications), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3921. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities Program" (RIN1820-AB40), received June 21, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3922. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Fees Schedule for Annual Charges for the Use of Government Lands" (RM86-2-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3923. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filings Fees" (RM98-15-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3924. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines" (RM96-1-009; Order No. 587-1), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3925. A communication from the Attorney, General and Administrative Law, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project Cost and Annual Limits" (RM96-19-000), received June 22, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3926. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation amending the Housing Act of 1949; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### 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-210. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to abandoned mine reclamation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 123

Whereas, The biggest water pollution problem facing this Commonwealth today is polluted water draining from abandoned coal mines; and

Whereas, Over half the streams that do not meet water quality standards in this Commonwealth are affected by mine drainage; and

Whereas, This Commonwealth has over 250,000 acres of abandoned mine lands, refuse banks and old mine shafts in 45 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties, more than any other state in the nation; and

Whereas, The Department of Environmental Protection estimates it will cost more than \$15 billion to reclaim and restore abandoned mine lands; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth now receives about \$20 million a year from the Federal Government to do reclamation projects; and

Whereas, There is now a \$1 billion balance in the Federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Trust Fund that is set aside by law to take care of pollution and safety problems caused by old coal mines; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is the fourth largest coal producing state in the nation, and coal operators contribute significantly to the fund by paying a special fee for each ton of coal they mine; and

Whereas, The Department of Environmental Protection and 39 county conservation districts through the Western and Eastern Pennsylvania Coalitions for Abandoned Mine Reclamation have worked as partners to improve the effectiveness of mine reclamation programs; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania is not seeking to rely on the Federal appropriation to solve the abandoned mine lands problem in Pennsylvania and is actively considering additional funding on its own; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has been working with the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs and other states to free more of these funds to clean up abandoned mine lands; and

Whereas, Making more funds available to states for abandoned mine reclamation should preserve the interest revenues now being made available for the United Mine Workers Combined Benefit Fund; and

Whereas, The Federal Office of Surface Mining, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Congress have not agreed to make more funds available to states for abandoned mine reclamation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and Congress make the \$1 billion of Federal moneys already earmarked for abandoned mine land reclamation available to states to clean up and make safe abandoned mine lands; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress.

POM-211. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to diabetic treatment; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

Whereas, There are 15.7 million diabetics in the United States, 40% of whom do not know they have the disease; and

Whereas, Almost 20% of people over 65 years old have diabetes; and

Whereas, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and the third leading cause of death by disease in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Nationwide there are 187,000 diabetes-related deaths annually, including an estimated 12,000 diabetes-related deaths in Pennsylvania each year, three times the number of deaths from AIDS, Alzheimer's disease and homicide; and

Whereas, Diabetes is a controllable disease in which sharp reductions in rates of complications can be obtained with proper management of blood glucose levels, specifically, a 56% reduction in the incidence of kidney disease, a 60% reduction in blindness and a 61% reduction in nerve disease; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, in its report on the act of October 16, 1998 (P.L. 784, No. 98) (Act 98 of 1998), stated that it "finds evidence to suggest that providing diabetics with supplies, medication, self-management education and medical nutrition therapy can be both medically and cost effective"; and

Whereas, In 1998, Pennsylvania became the 30th state to require private and group health insurance plans to provide comprehensive coverage for diabetic supplies and self-management training; and

Whereas, Act 98 of 1998 provides new benefit coverage to an estimated 4.5 million Pennsylvanians who have health insurance policies that can be regulated by the State; however, no State mandate applies to insurance programs run or regulated by the Federal Government; and

Whereas, The Federal Government has provided for general Medicare coverage of some supplies needed for persons with diabetes; however, insulin and syringes are excluded; and

Whereas, A large number of individuals who have insurance under self-funded health plans regulated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have no guarantee of any sort of coverage; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to enact the same mandated benefits as contained in Act 98 of 1998 in all Federal insurance programs and all federally regulated, self-funded health insurance programs governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; 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-212. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the municipal waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court has issued a series of decisions holding that the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States prohibits states from restricting the importation of solid waste from other states; and

Whereas, Over the past ten years, owners and operators of solid waste landfills located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have significantly increased the amount of unwanted municipal waste they accept from other states; and

Whereas, New York City released a long-term waste management plan on December 2, 1998, that allows New York City to close the Fresh Kills Landfill as planned on December 31, 2001, and calls for the exportation of approximately 13,000 tons of solid waste a day now disposed of at the Fresh Kills Landfill to Pennsylvania and other states; and

Whereas, The states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland notified the Mayor of New York City that the recently released plan to manage waste displaced by the closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill did not adequately address limiting the exportation of waste or other viable waste management alternatives; and

Whereas, The present and projected future levels of unwanted municipal waste that owners and operators of landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth import from other states pose environmental, aesthetic and traffic problems and are unfair to citizens of this Commonwealth, particularly citizens living in areas where landfills and incinerators are located; and

Whereas, In 1988 the Commonwealth enacted a law designed to reduce the need for additional landfills and incinerators by requiring and encouraging recycling of certain materials; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has met its recycling goal of 25% and has established a new goal of 35% by the year 2003; and

Whereas, It is within the power of the Congress of the United States to delegate authority to the states to restrict the amount of unwanted municipal waste they import from other states; and

Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in Congress which will regulate and restrict the amount of unwanted municipal waste imported from other states; and

Whereas, Governor Thomas J. Ridge and the governors of the Great Lakes States of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana wrote to Congress expressing their desire to reach an accord on authorizing states to place reasonable limits on the importation of solid waste; and

Whereas, The failure of Congress to act will harm this Commonwealth by allowing the continued unrestricted flow of solid waste generated in other states to landfills and incinerators located in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress of the United States and the states to support legislation authorizing states to restrict the amount of solid waste being imported from other states and creating a rational solid waste management strategy that is equitable among the states and environmentally sound; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support legislation that gives communities hosting landfills and incinerators the right to decide by agreement whether to accept waste from other states and that creates a rational municipal waste management strategy that is equitable among the states and environmentally sound; and be it further

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

POM-213. A resolution adopted by the County Commission, Knox County, Tennessee relative to the Department of Energy and Oak Ridge Facilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-214. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Nevada relative to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas, The Federal Government manages and controls approximately 87 percent of the land in the State of Nevada, and in several counties in the State of Nevada the Federal Government manages and controls between 97 and 99 percent of the land; and

Whereas, Because the land managed and controlled by the Federal Government in the State of Nevada is not taxable, counties that have an extensive amount of such land located within their boundaries experience tremendous fiscal burdens; and

Whereas, Congress enacted the Act of October 20, 1976, which, as amended, is commonly known as the Payments In Lieu of Taxes Act, and which requires the Federal Government to make annual payments to local governments to compensate the local governments for the loss of revenue they experience because of the presence of certain land within their boundaries that is managed and controlled by the Federal Government; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the Act, the Secretary of the Interior is required to make a payment for each fiscal year to each of the 17 counties in the State of Nevada because those counties have such land within their boundaries, including land that is administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Forest Service; and

Whereas, The Bureau of Land Management was chosen by the Secretary of the Interior to administer the payments required to be made pursuant to the Act; and

Whereas, Congress appropriates money each year that the Bureau of Land Management distributes to the counties in the State of Nevada and other states pursuant to a statutory formula set forth in the Act; and

Whereas, From the inception of the payments in 1977 to the end of the 1997-98 fiscal year, the money appropriated by Congress has been insufficient to provide full payment to the counties in the State of Nevada pursuant to the statutory formula; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly,* That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to appropriate for distribution to the counties in the State of Nevada the amount of money necessary to correct the underpayments to those counties pursuant to the Act for the previous fiscal years; and be it further

*Resolved,* That in lieu of an appropriation by Congress to correct such underpayments, the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to authorize the transfer of land of equivalent value from the Federal Government to the affected counties in the State of Nevada; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate of the Nevada Legislature prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-215. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Nevada relative to land management and livestock; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, The livestock industry comprises a significant portion of the rural economy of the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Recent declines in the authorization of the grazing of livestock on public lands in this state and throughout the West have had measurable negative impacts on the economic viability of ranchers and rural communities; and

Whereas, Studies by federal agencies have revealed that public lands have improved or are improving through the use of controlled grazing of livestock on public lands; and

Whereas, Recent management policies and directives established by federal agencies including the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior and the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture have resulted in significant and costly reductions in the number of livestock allowed to graze on public lands in this state; and

Whereas, These reductions are having a negative effect on the value of ranches and the economic viability of ranchers who depend on the use of public land for the suc-

cessful production of livestock, resulting in an adverse effect on the economic condition of the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, Continuation of these federal policies will have adverse effects that are far reaching and costly, including an increase in wildfires, a diminished tax base, loss of wildlife habitat and a decrease in economic activity; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, Jointly,* That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby encourage the United States Congress to support all efforts for the establishment of a working partnership between federal land management agencies, local governments and other interested parties on issues relating to the use of public lands; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this legislative body supports all efforts to review the methodologies and practices that have been employed by public land management agencies which have resulted in the unnecessary reduction in the use of public lands by ranchers for the grazing of livestock; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and Industry is hereby encouraged to develop a statewide database to further demonstrate the cumulative losses to this state and its counties because of the reduction in the use of public land for the grazing of livestock; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation and the Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Counties; and be it further

*Resolved,* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-216. A joint resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Montana relative to the American Heritage Rivers initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, The President of the United States has, by Executive Order 13061, created the American Heritage Rivers initiative; and

Whereas, The initiative allows a local river community to nominate its river for designation by the President as an American Heritage River; and

Whereas, The initiative provides no meaningful protection of state or private property along designated rivers; and

Whereas, The initiative creates a new layer of federal bureaucracy and engages 12 federal agencies in its implementation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana,* That the Montana Legislature oppose the nomination or designation of any river in Montana as an American Heritage River under the American Heritage Rivers initiative; be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the U.S. Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 918. A bill to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-84).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SPECTER, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs:

John T. Hanson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

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

Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrack) for a term of five years.

Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for a term of seven years.

Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1998.

Ann Brown, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1999.

Ann Brown, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

(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 nomination list which was printed in the RECORD of May 12, 1999, at the end of the Senate proceedings, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that the nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

In the Cost Guard nomination of James W. Seeman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 12, 1999.

#### 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. SCHUMER:

S. 1267. A bill to require that health care providers inform their patients of certain referral fees upon the referral of the patients to clinical trials; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.