

classroom and for certain other purposes; and

Whereas, In this bill, Congress urges the Department of Education, states, and local educational agencies to work together to ensure that not less than 95% of all funds appropriated for elementary and secondary education programs administered by the Department of Education is spent for children in their classrooms; the bill also provides for an educational flexibility program under which the Secretary of Education allows a State educational entity to waive statutory and regulatory requirements for the State educational agency or any local education agency or school and provides for the modification of arbitrage rebate rules applicable to bonds used to finance public schools; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we urge the U.S. Congress to pass H.R. 2; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Illinois relative to the proposed "Death Tax Elimination Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

Whereas, H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act, was introduced in the House of Representatives of the 106th Congress; and

Whereas, H.R. 8 will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period; and

Whereas, The elimination of federal estate and gift taxes will result in tax savings to the citizens of this State; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage the United States Congress to pass H.R. 8; be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-236. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Illinois relative to Phase II Reformulated Gasoline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 303

Whereas, The federal Clean Air Act requires a new type of motor fuel to be sold in the Nation's ozone non-attainment areas beginning January 1, 2000; and

Whereas, This new fuel is known as Phase II Reformulated Gasoline or RFG; and

Whereas, Illinois has 2 ozone non-attainment areas: the 8-county Chicago Metropolitan area which will have to sell Phase II RFG exclusively and the 3-county Metro-east area; and

Whereas, Most of the present Phase I RFG fuel sold in the Chicago Metropolitan area, through a partnership between corn growers, ethanol processors, and gasoline refiners and marketers, contains 10% ethanol; and

Whereas, The Chicago RFG market accounts for 400 million gallons of ethanol demand, making it the foundation of the domestic ethanol industry today; and

Whereas, The General Assembly is greatly concerned that present United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations for Phase II RFG could severely limit or prohibit the blending of ethanol in gasoline by refiners, especially in the summer months,

thereby endangering the Illinois ethanol industry's core market; and

Whereas, To date, the Chicago Area and Illinois have made extraordinary progress in meeting the demands of the Clean Air Act, leading to greatly improved air quality, much of which is attributed to the use of existing RFG fuels; and

Whereas, The USEPA's proposed Phase II RFG regulations for January 1, 2000, constitute a real threat to the economic viability of Illinois; ethanol industry and Illinois' gasoline refining industry; and

Whereas, Illinois' ethanol industry supports over 50,000 jobs in the corn farming and ethanol processing sector, with major facilities in Peoria, Decatur, and elsewhere in the State; and

Whereas, Illinois' gasoline refining and marketing industry employs over 40,000 Illinois workers, including 6 major refineries producing over one million barrels a day of gasoline and other products in the Chicago area, St. Louis area, and Southeastern Illinois location; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we encourage and support Governor George Ryan's decision to immediately engage the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in a dialogue towards meeting and resolving the technical challenges of using ethanol in Phase II RFG; that the dialogue shall include presentation of recent research data suggesting ethanol benefits and the request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency permit the continued use of ethanol under phase II of the RFG Program in a way that will not economically disadvantage Illinois' ethanol and gasoline refining industries; and be it further

Resolved, That if urban airshed modeling is required as a necessary component of the presentation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the General Assembly will support funding for the Illinois EPA to conduct the modeling; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the President of the United States, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska relative to the Kosovo conflict and to Alaskans serving in the military forces in the area of the conflict; to the Committee on Armed Services.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 20

Whereas, Slobodan Milosevic has embarked upon a policy of ethnic cleansing of Albanians in Kosovo, Yugoslavia; and

Whereas, the actions of the Serbian military forces are a humanitarian disaster in the making and are not acceptable in the civilized world; and

Whereas, the armed forces of the United States are currently participating in the campaign against Serbian forces in Kosovo to stop the ethnic cleansing activities; and

Whereas, many of the United States troops that will be sent to the Balkans will be pulled away from civilian lives at great personal sacrifice; and

Whereas, the Allied troops will be expected to endure many uncertainties and hardships caused by separation from their loved ones for months while stationed in the harsh conditions of the Balkan region; and

Whereas, the tremendous humanitarian effort being taken by the Allied military force is an enormous service to mankind; and

Whereas, members of our military forces are performing their mission with great dis-

patch, exemplifying the high degree of dedication, professionalism, and training that underlines the technologies and strategic superiority of our military strength; and

Whereas, many of our United States troops are in danger, and the media reports that the public must be prepared to accept the possibility that there will be United States casualties; and

Whereas, Alaskans in the military services have been called on to participate in the Kosovo conflict and are likely to be called on to serve there in increasing numbers; and

Whereas, these Alaskans are and will be serving in the interest of the United States with dedication, honor, and commitment; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature

(1) commends the bravery and dedication of Alaska's military personnel and of all men and women who are serving in the Kosovo conflict; and

(2) applauds the extraordinary job being done by the United States and Allied military forces in saving lives by setting up tents and establishing refugee camps; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Alaska State Legislature express their heartfelt concern for the safety of the United States military personnel in the conflict, and of the refugees who are fleeing Kosovo, and, therefore, urge President Clinton and the Congress to use whatever means available to bring the conflict to an end as soon as possible and in a manner that will help secure a just and lasting peace in the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska Legislative Council to direct the Legislative Affairs Agency to send the following message to all Alaskans and military personnel stationed in Alaska who are serving in the United States armed forces in the Kosovo conflict: "The members of the Alaska State Legislature thank you heartily for your efforts in stopping the barbaric actions of Slobodan Milosevic in Kosovo and for laying a foundation for a just and lasting peace in the region. We commend your bravery and dedication. We wish you a safe and speedy return home."

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators; and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative; Brigadier General Dean Cash, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Alaska; Brigadier General Phillip Oates, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard; and Colonel George Cannelos, Director, Alaska Air National Guard.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals, Fiscal Year 2000" (Rept. No. 106-101).

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

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 (Rept. No. 106-102).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 468: A bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public (Rept. No. 106-103).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 59: A bill designating both July 2, 1999, and July 2, 2000, as "National Literacy Day".

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

S. 467: A bill to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1257: A bill to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

S. 1258: A bill to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1259: A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1260: A bill to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

(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:

Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Robert A. Katzmann, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

T. John Ward, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. HOLLINGS:

S. 1312. A bill to ensure full and expeditious enforcement of the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 that seek to bring about competition in local telecommunications markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1313. A bill to enable the State of Rhode Island to meet the criteria for recommendation as an Area of Application to the Boston-Worcester-Lawrence, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut Federal locality pay area; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 1314. A bill to establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1315. A bill to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1316. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that any amount allowable as a child tax credit under section 24 or an earned income credit under section 32 shall not be treated as income for purposes of any means-tested Federal program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1317. A bill to reauthorize the Welfare-To-Work program to provide additional resources and flexibility to improve the administration of the program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1318. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to award grants to States to supplement State and local assistance for the preservation and promotion of affordable housing opportunities for low-income families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1319. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to renew project-based contracts for assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 at up to market rent levels, in order to preserve these projects as affordable low-income housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1320. A bill to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1321. A bill to amend title III of the Family Violence Prevention and Services

Act and title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to limit the effects of domestic violence on the lives of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1322. A bill to prohibit health insurance and employment discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of predictive genetic information or genetic services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1323. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that certain Federal power customers are provided protection by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1324. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 1325. A bill to amend the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 to add Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Perry, and Wayne Counties, Tennessee, to the Appalachian region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 1326. A bill to eliminate certain benefits for Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERREY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1327. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1328. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax information by the Secretary of the Treasury to facilitate combined Federal and State employment tax reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1329. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1330. A bill to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1331. A bill to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERREY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1332. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburg, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the