

EC-4247. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Poultry Products" (Docket No. 98-028-2), received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4248. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense equipment in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more to Turkey; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4249. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to French Guiana; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4250. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Japan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4251. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement for the export of defense services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Spain; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4252. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or services under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4253. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Oman; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4254. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

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EC-4256. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 99-30" (RP-102-588-99), received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4257. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement Requesting Comments on Foreign Contingent Debt" (Announcement 99-76), received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4258. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works),

transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a navigation lock at the Kentucky Lock and Dam on the Tennessee River, Kentucky; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4259. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bentazon, Cyanazine, Dicrotophos, Diquat, Ethephon, Oryzalin, Oxadiazon, Picloram, Prometryn, and Trifluralin; Tolerance Actions" {FRL #6093-9}, received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4260. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biphenyl, Calcium cyanbide, and Captafol, et al; Final Tolerance" {FRL #6092-7}, received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4261. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dalapon, Fluchloralin, et al., Various Tolerance Revocations" {FRL #6093-6}, received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4262. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propargite; Revocation of Certain Tolerances" {FRL #6089-7}, received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4263. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinosad; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" {FRL #6093-9}, received July 16, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4264. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebifenozone; Benzoic Acid, 3,5-dimethyl-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-(4-ethylbenzoyl) hydrazide; Pesticide Tolerance" {FRL #6092-1}, received July 15, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-251. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to loans for state and local governments; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, All state and local governments and school districts have a substantial need to undertake capital projects to build or improve new or existing schools, roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, waste disposal facilities, public housing units, public buildings and environmental improvements; and

Whereas, The Federal Government is in a much better position than state and local governmental units and school districts to raise large amounts of capital to fund major capital projects; and

Whereas, The Treasury of the Federal Government has an ongoing program utilizing treasury bills, bonds, notes and other financial instruments to raise its needed operating capital; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to support the concept of creating interest-free loans to state and local governments and school districts to provide for capital projects for schools, roads, bridges, water and sewer projects, waste disposal projects, public housing, public buildings and environmental projects; 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-252. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the "Flag Protection Amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

Whereas, the United States flag is a symbol of our country; and

Whereas, desecration of the flag disgusts and enrages many American citizens, including the men and women who put their lives at risk to uphold what the flag symbolizes; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has held that flag desecration is protected speech under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, Congress responded by passing the Flag Protection Act of 1989, which the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional; and

Whereas, in its current term, Congress is considering the Flag Protection Act, a constitutional amendment giving Congress the authority to pass laws protecting the flag from desecration; and

Whereas, the Legislature of Louisiana has visited the flag burning issue on numerous occasions and has consistently voted against the flag burner and in favor of protecting the flag. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass the Flag Protection Amendment, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving Congress the authority to pass laws protecting the United States flag from desecration. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-253. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the Big Creek Recreation Access Project; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

Whereas, Big Creek, a Louisiana Natural and Scenic River, is located entirely in Grant Parish with a historical record of recreation and commerce dating back to the 1800's and is vital to recreation, commerce, and tourism in the Pollock area and the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, Big Creek provides excellent canoeing and related recreational opportunities which are in great demand in the Kisatchie National Forest; and

Whereas, the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, has designed the

Big Creek Recreation Access Project and has approved its construction as funds become available; and

Whereas, the Big Creek Recreation Access Project would be a great economical boost for recreation, commerce, and tourism in the Pollock area and the state of Louisiana by providing canoeing, fishing, swimming, hiking, and sanitary facilities for the public on Kisatchie National Forest lands. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide funding for the construction of the Big Creek Recreation Access Project; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-254. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to tobacco settlement; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Whereas, the state attorney general and attorneys general of forty-five other state and five territories have filed claims against the tobacco industry; and

Whereas, the state's attorneys general carefully crafted the settlement agreement to reflect only costs incurred by the states; and

Whereas, these lawsuits represent years of state effort and leadership, and the states have borne all risks while the United States government failed to participate in such litigation; and

Whereas, the president of the United States announced a federal surplus of seventy billion dollars in his state of the union address. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to guarantee that one hundred percent of all monies due states from the tobacco industry settlement, agreement, or judgment be paid in full to such states; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to prohibit any and all activities, including excise taxes on tobacco products and recoveries of Medicaid costs for smoking-induced illnesses, that would result in reducing the amount of funds available to the states from any tobacco industry settlement, agreement, or judgment; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-255. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to food and humanitarian aid to Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

Whereas, two legislative instruments, SR 926 and HR 1644, which are pending in Congress have been designated the Cuban Food and Medicine Security Act of 1999 and would allow the sale of food and medicine to the people of Cuba; and

Whereas, Cuba is the only country prohibited by federal law from purchasing food and medicine from United States suppliers; and

Whereas, this prohibition has done nothing to punish Cuba's government or Cuba's political leaders but the innocent people of Cuba who are in need of food and medicine; and

Whereas, the United States has always promoted global humanitarian aid, yet its current prohibition of the sale of food and medicine to Cuba is antithetical to its history of humanitarianism; and

Whereas, the federal government has recently approved the sale of food and medicine to countries such as Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Sudan, and even in the midst of the Cold War, the United States sold food and medicine to the former Soviet Union; and

Whereas, prior to 1960, the people of Cuba purchased hundreds of thousands of tons of rice and other food products annually which were shipped to Cuba through the Port of Lake Charles; and

Whereas, if such purchases were allowed, Cuba's high demand for food products may provide a ready market for Louisiana's agricultural goods; and

Whereas, the sale of food and medicine to the people of Cuba would benefit this state and the country by a promotion of humanitarian policy, an enhancement of the farm-business community, and the creation of hundreds of jobs at the Port of Lake Charles and elsewhere within our economy. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize Congress of the United States to adopt the Cuban Food and Medicine Security Act of 1999 or other similar legislation which would eliminate the current prohibition against the sale of food and medicine to the people of Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-256. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to a proposed "National Week of Prayer for Schools"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Whereas, presidents throughout American history have called our people to prayer, especially Abraham Lincoln in 1863; and

Whereas, in light of this history, a week of dedication toward prayer for our schools should be set aside for the sake of our children and their future; and

Whereas, we invite the people of this nation to join together to pray, sing, proclaim, and speak for the progression of educational programming in our country; and

Whereas, we encourage the citizens of our nation to pay for the dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators who are molding the children's dreams and our futures. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the United States Congress to proclaim the first week in August of each year as "National Week of Prayer for Schools"; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-257. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the "Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Whereas, Louisiana citizens living and working in southeast Louisiana have been and continue to be vulnerable to the dev-

astating effects of hurricanes and tropical storms; and

Whereas, federal, state, and local governments have attempted to provide hurricane protection to the residents of the region by implementing construction projects designed to protect specific areas; and

Whereas, a comprehensive plan is in need of being developed to provide protection for the areas outside of existing project boundaries which are subject to catastrophic damages due to hurricanes and other storm events; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is analyzing a plan, entitled the "Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana", to provide continuous hurricane protection from the vicinity of Morgan City, Louisiana to the Louisiana-Mississippi border; and

Whereas, the plan will seek to expedite the ongoing construction of several hurricane protection projects, seek immediate congressional authorization for projects being planned, initiate and expedite hurricane protection and flood control studies in the region, initiate a study of flood proofing major hurricane evacuation routes, and initiate a reevaluation of existing hurricane protection projects to provide for category 4 or 5 hurricanes; and

Whereas, the development of the plan will necessitate a major cooperative effort of federal, state, and local governments requiring a considerable amount of funds for planning, implementation, and construction; and

Whereas, the association of Levee Boards of Louisiana fully supports and endorses the concepts of the comprehensive hurricane protection plan. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to authorize and urge the governor of the state of Louisiana to support the development of the "Comprehensive Hurricane Protection Plan for Coastal Louisiana" by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide continuous hurricane protection from Morgan City to the Mississippi border; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to the governor of the state of Louisiana.

POM-258. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the Turtle Excluder Device regulations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, due to the protection of the beaches on Rancho Nuevo, Mexico, the number of documented nests of the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle has increased to nearly four thousand from a low of about seven hundred in 1985; and

Whereas, the sea turtle population has increased to the point where modifications of turtle excluder device (T.E.D.S) regulations are feasible without causing detriment to the increasing turtle population; and

Whereas, the Louisiana shrimping industry views current T.E.D. regulations as a direct threat to their industry; and

Whereas, commercial shrimp trawl vessel licenses have dropped from a high of approximately thirty-two thousand in 1987, just prior to the T.E.D. regulations, to a present-day low of approximately fifteen thousand. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to pursue other viable alternatives to

present T.E.D. regulations, including, but not limited to seasonal exemptions, where there is a low presence of the Kemp Ridley turtle in the winter season; and area exemptions where there has been no historical evidence of Kemp Ridley populations; and an industry funded recovery program; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-259. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the National Resource Conservation Service; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 60

Whereas, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service, has been providing technical assistance to Louisiana's landowners and land managers since 1935; and

Whereas, such technical assistance has been provided through formal working agreements with each of Louisiana's forty-three soil and water conservation districts; and

Whereas, a science-based, multidisciplinary workforce's no-cost assistance has been instrumental to the development of Louisiana's productive cropland, pasture land, and forests; and

Whereas, NRCS has generally provided services and funds to the people of Louisiana through the soil and water conservation districts at a ratio of approximately ten federal dollars for each state dollar; and

Whereas, Louisiana landowners and land managers are besieged by regulations and enforcement actions related to clean air, clean water, wetland protection and restoration, animal waste management, nutrient and pesticide management, riparian area protection, and other environmental requirements; and

Whereas, the technical assistance that NRCS provides is critical to our state's landowners' continuing compliance with these complex environmental laws and regulations; and

Whereas, private landowners and land managers control over eighty percent of Louisiana's land, and their understanding and application of sound conservation practices to their land is essential to maintain its productivity; and

Whereas, these sound conservation practices constitute an important non-point source environmental protection program on a statewide and national basis; and

Whereas, the president of the United States has proposed a budget that in effect would reduce NRCS field service staff by over 1,050 nationwide with a possible twenty-five reduction in Louisiana's field staff; and

Whereas, this potential reduction in field service staff would severely weaken the state and national non-point source environmental protection program, and the resulting impact of the reduced availability of technical assistance would likely lead to increased violations by private landowners. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to restore any budget reductions affecting NRCS in order that it can adequately serve the conservation and environmental needs of Louisiana; and be it further

Resolved, That this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, the secretary of the United States Department

of Agriculture, and the president of the United States.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 348: A bill to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-109).

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

S. 746: A bill to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government (Rept. No. 106-110).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 937: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-111).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1387) to extend certain trade preference to sub-Saharan African countries (Rept. No. 106-112).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment to the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 695: A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area (Rept. No. 106-113).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1402: An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-114).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 1833: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United State International Trade Commission, and for other purposes.

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. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1394. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the U.S.S. New Jersey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1395. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to appear before certain congressional committees to present the annual National Trade Estimate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

S. 1396. A bill to amend section 4532 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the

coverage and treatment of overhead costs of United States factories and arsenals when not making supplies for the Army, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1397. A bill to provide for the retention of the name of the geologic formation known as "Devil's Tower" at the Devils Tower National Monument in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1398. A bill to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. DODD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1399. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that pay adjustments for nurses and certain other health-care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be made in the manner applicable to Federal employees generally and to revise the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make further locality pay adjustments for those professionals; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1400. A bill to protect women's reproductive health and constitutional right to choice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1401. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to promote the development and use of affordable crop insurance policies designed to meet the specific needs of producers of specialty crops, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1402. An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Veterans Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRYAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1403. A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to modify en banc procedures for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1404. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to authorize expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund for the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge Project for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1405. A bill to amend the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge Authority Act of 1995 to provide an authorization of contract authority for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.