

EC-8576. A communication from the Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense transmitting a report relative to the Anthrax Vaccination Program for the Total Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8577. A communication from the Office of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Acquisition" (DFARS Case 98-D028), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8578. A communication from the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modified Eligibility Criteria for the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty" (RIN2900-AJ69), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs.

EC-8579. A communication from the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Currently Effective Indian Health Service Eligibility Regulations" (RIN0917-AA03), received April 19, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-8580. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8581. A communication from the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-8582. A communication from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status for Certain Polish and Hungarian Parolees" (RIN1115-AE25), received April 24, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-455. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin relative to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

Whereas, currently, federal law prohibits cattle, sheep, swine, goat, chicken, turkey, duck, goose and guinea fowl products that are inspected under state meat inspection programs from being shipped across state lines, while federal law allows state-inspected ostrich, venison, buffalo and pheasant to be shipped across state lines; and

Whereas, foreign meat products may be shipped freely among the states; and

Whereas, Wisconsin has 300 state-inspected plants, none of which is allowed to market products in interstate commerce due to an outdated federal law; and

Whereas, Wisconsin and the United States are currently suffering from a hog market crisis, including a closure of packing facilities and a reduction in slaughter activity, due in part to these outdated interstate restrictions; and

Whereas, the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act are restricting the opportunity for these small plants to expand their markets across state lines, provide additional slaughter capacity for pork producers and increase the demand for their products; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to address problems in the meat-processing industry concerning packing, processing and marketing capacities; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature request Congress to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act to allow for interstate shipment of all state-inspected meats; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives from Wisconsin.

POM-456. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee relative to ethnicity categories for educational data reporting; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

Be it resolved by the senate of the one hundred first General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the house of representatives concurring, That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the United States Congress to study the need to increase the number and specificity of ethnicity categories used for the reporting of educational data.

Be it further resolved, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and the each member of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation.

POM-457. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the proposed "Keep Our Promise to Military Retirees Act"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35

Whereas, millions of men and women of the uniformed services have served with honor, valor, and courage in protecting our nation's freedom and peace; and

Whereas, many recruited for the uniformed services prior to 1956 were reportedly promised free lifetime health care upon retirement if they served for 20 years or more in the service, although no health care statute existed; and

Whereas, in 1956, the Dependent Medical Care Act was passed, entitling those who entered the service on or after June 7, 1956, and retired with a minimum of 20 years of service, to medical and dental care in any medical facility of the uniformed services, subject to the availability of space and facilities, and capabilities of the medical staff; and

Whereas, the Military Medical Benefits Amendments of 1966 created the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), the first fee-based program for military health care recipients that included treatment by civilian providers; and

Whereas, the 1966 amendments further stipulated that any person entitled to hospital insurance benefits under Title I of the Social Security Amendment of 1965 would not be eligible for CHAMPUS benefits; and

Whereas, provider choice became more limited after the passage of the Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1991, which lowered the CHAMPUS reimbursement rate to the level of Medicare, leading to the exodus of many physicians from the CHAMPUS program; and

Whereas, the Defense Authorization Acts of Fiscal Year 1994 and Fiscal Year 1995 created a Health Maintenance Organization

model (TRICARE) as an option for military health care and imposed enrollment fees for military managed care plans; and

Whereas, a series of recent base closures between 1988 and 1995 and further drawdowns of remaining military medical treatment facilities has made access to health care in military medical treatment facilities extremely difficult for many military retirees; and

Whereas, CHAMPUS and the TRICARE managed care programs that have evolved from CHAMPUS do not provide the adequate health care promised to military retirees and are inferior to care available to other federal retirees; and

Whereas, on September 28, 1999, H.R. 2966, "The Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act," was introduced to provide all Medicare-eligible military retirees the opportunity and option to either enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP-65) or remain in TRICARE past age 65; and

Whereas, a key component of the legislation would make military retirees who entered the service prior to CHAMPUS eligible for health care under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, with the government paying the full cost of enrollment; and

Whereas, restoring adequate health care coverage to military retirees is long overdue; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Congress of the United States be urged to enact "The Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act"; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of the resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Congressional Delegation of Virginia in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter.

POM-458. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the selection of Fort Belvoir as the site of the United States Army Museum; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 92

Whereas, the Department of the Army has been granted approval by the Congress to establish a national United States Army Museum; and

Whereas, among the sites being considered for the United States Army Museum is Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and

Whereas, located near the nation's capitol, with its wealth of historic sites, Fort Belvoir would prove a worthy addition to the Washington area's attractions; and

Whereas, Northern Virginia is home to many sites of military and historic significance, among them Arlington Memorial Cemetery and the Iwo Jima Memorial; and

Whereas, the home of the nation's first commander-in-chief, George Washington, lies almost adjacent to Fort Belvoir at Mount Vernon; and

Whereas, many residents of Northern Virginia are collectors of military memorabilia dating back to the American Revolution, and their willingness to lend such material to the Army Museum would be enhanced by its proximity to their homes; and

Whereas, the United States Army Museum would prove an asset to the Northern Virginia area, and a Fort Belvoir location would make the museum a convenient stop for the many Americans interested in the nation's military history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby respectfully request that Fort

Belvoir be given favorable consideration as the site of the United States Army Museum; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Army, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

POM-459. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, this year marks the 26th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus; and

Whereas, the Republic of Cyprus has been divided and occupied by foreign forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas, the international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign forces from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, there are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a multinational force to ensure the security of both communities in Cyprus; and

Whereas, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic and social well-being of all Cypriots and contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas, the United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1217, adopted on December 22, 1998 with United States support; and

Whereas, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218, adopted on December 22, 1998, calls for a reduction of tensions in the island through a staged process aimed at limiting and then substantially reducing the level of all troops and armaments in Cyprus, ultimately leading to the demilitarization of the Republic of Cyprus; and

Whereas, President Clinton wholeheartedly supported resolution 1218 and committed himself to taking all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement it; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, hereby endorse President Clinton's commitment to undertake significant efforts in order to promote substantial progress towards a solution of the Cyprus problem in 2000; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-460. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Cape May, New Jersey relative to the dumping of contaminated dredge materials in the Atlantic Ocean; to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

POM-461. A resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Haysi, Virginia relative to the proposed construction of a dam and reservoir in the area; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 13, 2000, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 20, 2000:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3707: A bill to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 271: A resolution regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1608: A bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-275).

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 Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2455. A bill to enhance Department of Education efforts to facilitate the involvement of small business owners in State and local initiatives to improve education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2456. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit to provide assistance to adoptive parents of special needs children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2457. A bill to amend section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, to permit receipt of in-kind consideration anywhere on an installation for the lease of property on the installation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 2458. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin, as the "Les Aspin Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS,

Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KYL, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. MACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GORTON, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2459. A bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2460. A bill to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 2461. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain ceramic knives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2462. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating the month of October 2000 as "Children's Internet Safety Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 295. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the carrying of firearms into places of worship or educational and scholastic settings should be prohibited; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as "National Child's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.