

with autism and those who care for them; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution supporting a National Charter Schools Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution expressing sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers of Veronica "Roni" Bowers and Charity Bowers; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1701. A communication from the Acting Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, a report relative to updating the President's Budget Request; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1702. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Oxygenated Gasoline Program" (FRL6973-7) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1703. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Final Exclusion" (FRL6968-6) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1704. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: South Carolina" (FRL6973-9) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1705. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Reasonably Available Control Technology Requirement for Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides" (FRL6973-4) received on April 27, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1706. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2001 Youth and the Environment Training and Employment Program Funds" received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1707. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of the Redesignation of Shelby County; Tennessee, to Attainment" (FRL6947-6) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1708. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environ-

mental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Approval of Revisions to Volatile Organic Compounds Regulations and Miscellaneous Revisions" (FRL6973-3) received on May 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1709. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Eligibility of Indoor Plumbing Under Alaska Sanitation Infrastructure Grant Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1710. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "EPA Review of 2000 Section 303(d) Lists"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1711. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Interim Data Quality Amendment to the EPCRA Section 313 Enforcement Response Policy (ERP)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-34. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1008

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the entire Arkansas delegation to Congress; and

Whereas, more than eighty United States Senators, including both Arkansas' Senator Tim Hutchinson and Senator Blanche Lincoln, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and

Whereas, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the railroad retirement system for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 10,000 in Arkansas; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

Whereas, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter lines; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to support and enact the Railroad Retirement and Survivors Improvement Act in the 107th Congress. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-35. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State

of Arkansas relative to the availability of funds to prevent catastrophic damage from wildfires; to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1035

Whereas, the ice storms of December 13 and 25, 2000, ravaged thousands of acres of private and public forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas; and

Whereas, President Clinton declared sixty-seven (67) Arkansas counties as federal disaster areas for the purposes of providing early financial assistance to cities and counties to help with their most urgent ice storm-caused health and safety problems; and

Whereas, these early funds do not provide for the critical treatment and restoration work needed to prevent catastrophic wildfires on the private and public forestlands of Arkansas; and

Whereas, if these lands go untreated, the ten-fold increase in fuel loadings may result in major conflagrations that destroy private and public property and threaten the health and safety of countless Arkansans; and

Whereas, supplemental appropriation requests detailing the need by program area and the work that would be accomplished were sent by agency field officers to their agency headquarters in Washington, D.C.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein, That the Arkansas General Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take all reasonable action necessary to provide adequate and timely funding to the federal agencies responsible for the treatment and restoration work on these lands. Be it further

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.

POM-36. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Arkansas relative to prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1027

Whereas, the price of prescription drugs in the United States has increased significantly in each of the past several years; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the people who cannot afford to buy drugs needed to maintain a reasonable quality of life are children and the elderly who have no means to improve their financial situation; and

Whereas, many people in this country must make a choice of buying food or buying the drugs they need; and

Whereas, the states have very limited ability to take the necessary action to assure that prescription drugs are available and affordable to those who need them and only the U.S. Congress has the authority to accomplish this goal, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-third General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, the Senate concurring therein:

That the Arkansas General Assembly hereby urges the United States Congress to take all reasonable action to assure that prescription drugs are available and affordable to all citizens. Be it further

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy hereof to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the U.S. Senate and the