

most of their earnings back into their farms and had only a small amount of liquid savings; and

Whereas, Employees suffer when they lose their jobs because many small and medium-sized businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes and because many high capital costs depress the number of new businesses that could offer them a job; and

Whereas, If the estate tax had been repealed in 1996, over the next nine years the United States economy would have averaged as much as \$11 billion per year in extra output, and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have been created; and

Whereas, Having during 2000 passed the United States House of Representatives by a vote of 279-36, and having passed the United States Senate by a vote of 59-39, elimination of the death tax has wide bipartisan support; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey

1. The General Assembly of the State of New Jersey memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation, currently pending in Congress, which eliminates the federal estate tax into law.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

STATEMENT

This resolution memorializes Congress to enact the repeal of the federal estate tax or "death tax."

POM-106. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri relative to the St. Joseph community; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Agramarke Quality Grains, Inc., a Missouri cooperative association, will provide economic development for the St. Joseph area; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture emphasizes the importance of guiding agriculture toward value-added opportunities; and

Whereas, agricultural producers will own 100% of the facility, provide over 110 jobs in the area, and realize between three and five millions dollars per year in profits and premiums; and

Whereas, the facility purchase price is far below the price of new construction and will provide a new purpose for the Quaker Oats facility which has been in existence since 1926; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture provides many beneficial programs which will be crucial to the success of the projects; and

Whereas, without the assistance of the United States Department of Agriculture programs, this young company may never develop; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a community population requirement of 50,000 for use of rural development economic incentive programs; and

Whereas, the city of St. Joseph remains not far above the threshold with a population of approximately 75,000; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Agriculture to grant a waiver for Agramarke Quality Grains, Inc., for development in St. Joseph, Missouri, to allow Agramarke to qualify for rural development economic incentive programs; and be it further

Resolved, that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Secretary Ann M. Veneman of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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 Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1013. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance privacy protections for individuals, to prevent fraudulent misuse of the Social Security account number, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1015. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to address safety concerns and to minimize delays for motorists at railroad grade crossings; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORZINE, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1016. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve the health benefits coverage of infants and children under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1017. A bill to provide the people of Cuba with access to food and medicines from the United States, to ease restrictions on travel to Cuba, to provide scholarships for certain Cuban nationals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1018. A bill to provide market loss assistance for apple producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1019. A bill to provide for monitoring of aircraft air quality, to require air carriers to produce certain mechanical and maintenance records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY,

Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1020. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REED, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1021. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1022. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1023. A bill to modify the land conveyance authority with respect to the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Cutler, Maine; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CLELAND):

S. Res. 109. A resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December as "National Children's Memorial Day" and the last Friday in the month of April as "Children's Memorial Flag Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security