

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 281. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street, in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 517. An act to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey 2 Coast Guard cutters.

H.R. 985. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 128. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

H. Con. Res. 160. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

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H.R. 517. An act to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to convey 2 Coast Guard cutters; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 985. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-2340. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003; ordered to lie on the table.

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-102. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan relative to funding Red Cross emergency services; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 40

Whereas, For over a century, the American Red Cross has served as a link between the people of the United States and their Armed Forces; and

Whereas, Under its Congressional Charter of 1905, the American Red Cross is entrusted to deliver emergency messages to members of the Armed Forces and their families; and

Whereas, Military commanders around the world rely on the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) to verify the need to approve leave for military personnel, and to provide financial support to enable them to return home when necessary; and

Whereas, In order to meet the Department of Defense requirements for emergency leave verification, Red Cross AFES is on call every hour of every day and night for 13 million service members and their families; and

Whereas, The Red Cross AFES program maintains a global emergency communications network supported by 392 employees and 28,000 volunteers located in 961 chapters across the nation, on 108 military installations around the world, and at two AFES Centers located at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Falls Church, Virginia; and

Whereas, Michigan's 26 Red Cross chapters and its work on three installations provided emergency communications assistance to 6,238 military personnel and their families in Fiscal Year 2002. Since last July, the American Red Cross in Michigan has seen a 43% increase in the number of military cases served over last year; and

Whereas, Operation Enduring Freedom, the war on terrorism, and the Iraq conflict have placed increased demands on this vital program. The Red Cross and Congress can no longer rely on charitable contributions from the American public to support this required service, especially during the current economic downturn: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to include funding for the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services in the National Defense Authorization Act and the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2004 to help fund costs associated with AFES emergency communications and staff mobilization and deployment. We also support the inclusion of AFES funding in the Department of Defense budget request starting in fiscal year 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation. Adopted by the House of Representatives, April 10, 2003.

POM-103. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona relative to border security; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE MEMORIAL 2001

Whereas, illegal immigration has reached record levels, with some estimates placing the overall illegal immigrant population at between five and ten million individuals. This results in annual costs to society estimated in the billions of dollars due to the

extra funds spent on education, health care, welfare and corrections programs; and

Whereas, the nation's border states, including Arizona, are particularly hard hit by the influx of illegal immigrants across their borders. Among the more serious problems that accompany illegal immigration are increased drug smuggling and crime; and

Whereas, this state does not condone the illegal immigration of individuals into this country and it supports the efforts of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and its enforcement arm, the Border Patrol, to vigorously enforce the immigration laws of this country; and

Whereas, while the INS and Border Patrol are charged with enforcing current immigration laws, those laws do not go far enough toward preventing the illegal entry of immigrants into this country, requiring border states to rely on their own resources to combat this growing problem; and

Whereas, state resources would be less strained in the fight against illegal immigration by the provision of federal funds to increase border patrol measures in border states. Further, congressional action to expand the scope of the Posse Comitatus Act to allow greater military involvement in the patrolling of United States borders would give states much-needed assistance in preventing the entry of illegal immigrants and in fighting terrorism, drug smuggling and crime problems; and

Whereas, article IV, section 4 of the Constitution of the United States provides that "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republic Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion." This confirmation of our national sovereignty validates this request for additional resources to protect our borders from illegal immigration and the harmful crime and drug problems that accompany it.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, prays:

1. That the Congress of the United States introduce and enact legislation that would increase effective border controls, including the provision of greater funding for border states and laws that would allow for increased military presence along this nation's borders.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-104. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Detroit of the State of Michigan relative to S. 659 and H.R. 1036; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-105. A Senate joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee relative to restore state and local sales tax deductibility from the Federal Income Tax; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 184

Whereas, the viability of the Federal system of government of the United States has endured through the history of this republic through the diligence of governmental officials in adjusting to evolving economic, social and political conditions to preserve equity and fairness; and

Whereas, in 1986, amendments to the Internal Revenue Code eliminated the option to deduct state and local sales taxes paid by citizens from their income as reported on Federal income tax forms, while the deductibility of state and local income taxes was preserved; and

Whereas, Tennessee is one of a few states which do not have an income tax on salaries