

*Resolved by the house of representatives,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the Federal Trade Commission to address the issue of unsolicited commercial email, otherwise known as spam, on a national basis; 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, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the United States Federal Trade Commission.

POM-218. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Whereas, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway is vital to the nation's economy spanning across five gulf coast states; and

Whereas, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway carries one-third of the freight of all of America's waterways and has significant economic impact on the entire state of Louisiana, as well as the nation; and

Whereas, the protection of the banks of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway guarantees the future of many businesses and individuals that depend on its efficiency and economy; and

Whereas, tidal exchange, combined with the effects of wave action and boat wake from traffic has contributed to significant shoreline erosion; and

Whereas, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway shoreline erosion has and continues to contribute to the loss of coastal wetlands, aquatic resources, commercial and recreational fisheries, agricultural farmland, wildlife resources, essential fish habitat, recreation resources, and cultural resources of coastal Louisiana; and

Whereas, the lack of action to protect the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway's shorelines has negatively impacted navigation, resulting in increased dredging costs, threats to shipping, implications for loss of trade, reduced flood control, and threats to water supplies due to saltwater intrusion: Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide adequate and immediate protection, stabilization, and maintenance of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway canal banks in southwest Louisiana; 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 delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-219. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to Lake St. Clair; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, Lake St. Clair is an essential component of the network that comprises the world's largest source of accessible freshwater. Often referred to as the "Heart of the Great Lakes" for the unique importance, location, and shape, Lake St. Clair is an immeasurable resource to the region's economy, ecology, health, and recreation; and

Whereas, Lake St. Clair provides the drinking water for 2.3 million people, produces one-third of all fish caught on the Great Lakes, and includes some of the most important ecosystem along the Great Lakes basin; and

Whereas, Several key federal acts, including the Great Lakes Act of 1956, the Clean

Water Act of 1978, the Great Lakes Shoreline Mapping Act of 1987, the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, and the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, include Lake St. Clair in the definition of the Great Lakes for the purpose of programs and grants; and

Whereas, Lake St. Clair also received special attention in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, which directed the Secretary of the Army to prepare a comprehensive management plan for Lake St. Clair, a first draft of which is scheduled for release in 2003; and

Whereas, In spite of its critical role, Lake St. Clair has been subject to several serious environmental problems in recent years. These have ranged from beach closings due to faulty sewage and septic systems, combined sewer overflows, toxic contamination, and the impact of invasive species; and

Whereas, Lake St. Clair will benefit from the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002, which provides funds to monitor and clean up contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes Areas of Concern, including the St. Clair River and Clinton River watersheds, which are adjacent to Lake St. Clair; now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the house of representatives,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase efforts to preserve and protect Lake St. Clair; 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, June 24, 2003.

POM-220, A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to petroleum reserves; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, since that time, the SPR has been the nation's first line of defense against any interruption in petroleum supplies; and

Whereas, Louisiana is a natural choice for the placement of reserves due to the concentration of salt domes, petroleum refineries, and distribution points for tankers, and barges, and pipeline; and

Whereas, Louisiana produces approximately eighty-six million barrels of oil per year and has a refining capacity of two million seven hundred sixty thousand barrels per day; and

Whereas, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 declared it to be a policy to establish a reserve of up to one billion barrels of petroleum; and

Whereas, the SPR has the capacity to hold seven hundred million barrels and currently holds an inventory of five hundred forty-four million seven hundred thousand barrels at the current facilities located at Freeport and Winnie, Texas, and West Hackberry and Bayou Choctaw, Louisiana; and

Whereas, the events surrounding the atrocious attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001, including our unwavering pursuit of the perpetrators, may result in foreign petroleum supply interruptions of significant scope or duration; and

Whereas, the economic well-being of Louisiana's and the nation's economy is irrevocably tied to the supply of petroleum: Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the President of the United States to fill current petroleum reserve to capacity and expand petroleum reserves in Louisiana utilizing Louisiana-produced petroleum to assist in stabilizing the

economy of Louisiana and the nation; be it further

*Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America; be it further

*Resolved,* That copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1424. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-105).

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1426. An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-106).

By Mr. BENNETT, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1427. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-107).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 53. A concurrent resolution honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

\*Pamela Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2002.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kathleen Cardone, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

James I. Cohn, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Frank Montalvo, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Xavier Rodriguez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)