

most pristine and diverse marine waters in the United States and include irreplaceable natural resources; and

Whereas, The area includes such national treasures as the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and the Olympic National Park, for which the Federal government acts as the trustee thereof; and

Whereas, The area is home to five federally recognized Indian reservations for which the Federal government has the responsibility of protecting treaty rights over tribal fishing; and

Whereas, The area is the habitat for several threatened and endangered species as designated by the Federal government; and

Whereas, The marine waters are used by a large portion of the Federal government's strategic naval fleet, which poses a risk of oil spills; and

Whereas, The marine waters are used for transportation of petroleum products that are used to meet the energy needs in the Western United States; and

Whereas, These marine waters are of great environmental and economic importance to not only the State of Washington, but also to the people of Canada and the United States; and

Whereas, The marine vessel traffic on these waters presents risks of accidents and oil spills that would be devastating to the environment and to the economy; and

Whereas, The safety of these waters is currently substantially improved on a temporary basis by an oil spill prevention tugboat stationed at the westward end of the Strait, the cost of which is currently borne solely by the State of Washington: Now, therefore

Your memorialists respectfully pray that Congress appropriate sufficient budgetary support to permanently station an oil spill prevention tugboat, of adequate size, and with rescue, fire fighting, spill response, and lifesaving capabilities, at the westward end of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-301. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Great Lakes, Great Lakes States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 265

Whereas, The Great Lakes states have taken many steps to protect the lakes. Most recently, Annex 2001 to the Great Lakes Charter has demonstrated the concern of the people of this region that the stewardship for this fresh water resource must remain where it belongs—with the people of the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes governors work closely with one another and their Canadian provincial counterparts on protecting the Great Lakes on a wide range of issues related to water management and a host of economic matters that strongly influence the lakes. This cooperation mirrors the shared stake in the quality of the lakes and reflects the appropriateness of policies that clearly affirm the authority of the Great Lakes Governors pursuant to the Great Lakes Charter; and

Whereas, Federal law states: It is hereby determined and declared to be in the public interest that (1) title to and ownership of the lands beneath navigable waters within the boundaries of their respective states and the

natural resources with such lands and water and (2) the right and power to manage, administer, lease, develop, and use the said lands and natural resources all in accordance with applicable state law be, and they are hereby, subject to the provisions hereof, recognized, confirmed, established, and vested in and assigned to the respective states or the persons who were on June 5, 1950, entitled thereto under the law of the respective states in which the land is located, and the respective granters, lessees, or successors in interest thereof; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes states have demonstrated that we are an effective and efficient manager of Great Lakes water resources. We implore the federal government to continue to allow the Great Lakes states the ability to control the Great Lakes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the house of representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase protections for the Great Lakes and to affirm the authority of the Great Lakes governors on matters or the usage of Great Lakes waters; 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, January 24, 2002

POM-302. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to restoration and protection of the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

Whereas, The waters of the Great Lakes constitute a resource of the utmost importance of the future of our nation, as they interact with the international community. The quality and quantity of this fresh water treasure are vital to the health and commercial well-being of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, Congress over the years has provided support for numerous projects and conserve our natural resources, with the most recent being legislation to fund the restoration of the Everglades and the South Florida ecosystem. This legislation includes several billion dollars in funding to the state of Florida. While the Everglades and the South Florida ecosystem are clearly a unique resource, the Great Lakes ecosystem has a prevailing international and national economic significance due to the shipping of raw materials, industrial products, and food, not to mention being the home of 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water, and 95 percent of the United States' fresh surface water; and

Whereas, With the Great Lakes at the heart of American industrial and agricultural production, and the source of recreation for millions, the United States of America must do all it can to assure the viability of the health of the lakes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the house of representatives, That we call upon the Congress of the United States to fund the Great Lakes Basin with similar appropriations that have been afforded the Florida Everglades and the South Florida ecosystem; 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 Representative, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the United States Secretary of the Interior.

POM-303. A notification from the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Alaska of the State's gratitude and support for the war on terrorism and for efforts to support democracies and promote peace worldwide; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12978 WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA—PM 52

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. Consistent with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2003, to the Federal Register for publication. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the Federal Register on October 18, 2002.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause unparalleled violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property or interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the United States market and financial system.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 16, 2003.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1753. An original bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to