

received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9727. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Interim and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 1999-2 Marketing Year" (FV00-982-1 FIR) received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9728. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Decreased Assessment Rate" received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9729. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Final Free and Reserve Percentages for 1999-2000 Crop Natural (Sun-Dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins" received on July 5, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9730. A communication from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Stamp Program: Electronic Benefit Transfer Benefit Adjustments" (RIN0584-AC61) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9731. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" (FV00931-1-IFR) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9732. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the State of New York; Establishment of Marketable Quantity and Allotment Percentage and Other Modifications Under the Cranberry Marketing Order" (FV00929-2FR) received on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9733. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, and in all Counties in Oregon, except Malheur County; Suspension of Handling, Reporting, and Assessment Collection Regulations" (FV00-947-1 IFR) received on July 11, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9734. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three items entitled "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3050 Repeated Dose 28-Day Oral Toxicity Study in

Rodents"; "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3550 Reproduction/Developmental Toxicity Screening Test"; "Health Effects Test Guidelines: OPPTS 870.3650 Combined Repeated Dose Toxicity Study with the Reproduction/Developmental Toxicity Screening Test"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9735. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Japan Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease" received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9736. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of the Republic of Korea Because of Rinderpest and Foot-and-Mouth Disease" received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9737. A communication from the Administrator of the Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catastrophic Risk Protection Endorsement; Regulations for the 1999 and Subsequent Reinsurance Years; Group Risk Plan of Insurance Regulations for the 2000 and Succeeding Crop Years, and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Basic Provisions" (RIN0563-AB81) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9738. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Insurance Policy and Information Division), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Department of Defense Demonstration Project Amendment to 48 CFR, Chapter 16" (RIN3206-AI67) received on June 5, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9739. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Insurance Policy and Information Division), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9740. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, the report entitled "Partners in Stewardship" for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9741. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period of October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9742. A communication from the Director of the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the rule entitled "Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations: Amendment to clarify exporters' and forwarding agents' responsibilities in preparing the Shipper's Export Declaration or filing the information electronically using the Automated Export System and related provisions" (RIN0607-AA20) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9743. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Workforce Compensation and Performance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pay Administration; Payments During Evacuation" (RIN3206-AI76) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9744. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Employment Service), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appointments of Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities" (RIN3206-AI94) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

H.R. 208: A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-343).

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. GRAMS:

S. 2858. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate payment rates for ambulance services, to apply a prudent layperson standard to the determination of medical necessity for emergency ambulance services, and to recognize the additional costs of providing ambulance services in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2859. A bill to provide assistance to States in reducing the backlog of casework files awaiting DNA analysis and to make DNA testing available in appropriate cases to convicted Federal and States offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2860. A bill for the relief of Sammie Martine Orr; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2861. A bill to establish a biannual certification of eligibility for development assistance based on the level of economic freedom of countries receiving United States development assistance and to provide for a phase-out of that assistance based on the certification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2862. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Exisulind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2863. A bill to prohibit use or sharing of medical health records or information by financial institutions and their affiliates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2864. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel R'ADVENTURE II; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2865. A bill to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD,

Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH OF OREGON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2866. A bill to provide for early learning programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 2867. A bill to provide for the funding and administration of a Veterans Mission for Youth Initiative within the Troops-to-Teachers Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOND, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2868. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2869. A bill to protect religious liberty, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KYL, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 335. A resolution congratulating the people of Mexico on the occasion of the democratic elections held in that country; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2860. A bill for the relief of Sammie Martine Orr; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE RELIEF OF SAMMIE MARTINE ORR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2860

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION AS A CHILD UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Sammie Martine Orr shall be classified as a child within the meaning of section

101(b)(1)(F) of such Act, upon approval of a petition filed on his behalf by the alien's adopting parents, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of such Act.

(b) LIMITATION.—No natural parent, brother, or sister, if any, of Sammie Martine Orr shall, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2865. A bill to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

VIRGINIA WILDERNESS ACT OF 2000

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to introduce a bill that will protect one of the most beautiful areas of Virginia. Today, with my colleague JOHN WARNER, I am introducing the Virginia Wilderness Act of 2000. This Act will provide wilderness status to two exceptional areas of Virginia. These areas, the "Three Ridges" and "The Priest" have long been recognized for their outstanding vistas, deep valleys and rugged beauty.

After receiving wilderness designation these areas will remain available for hunting, fishing, hiking, picnicking, and other traditional uses. Wilderness protections will ensure that "The Three Ridges" and "The Priest" remain available for the full enjoyment of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This action is now fully supported by the Virginia delegation, and the communities closest to the proposed wilderness areas. I hope we will see quick action on this bill through the committee and that we can move it to floor and complete action on the bill this year.

I ask unanimous consent that this bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2865

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Virginia Wilderness Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to designate certain National Forest System lands in the States of Virginia and West Virginia as wilderness areas" (Public Law 100-326; 102 Stat. 584) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(7) certain land in the George Washington National Forest, comprising approximately 6,500 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'The Priest Wilderness Study Area', dated June 6, 2000, to be known as the 'Priest Wilderness Area'; and

"(8) certain land in the George Washington National Forest, comprising approximately 4,800 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'The Three Ridges Wilderness Study Area', dated June 6, 2000, to be known as the 'Three Ridges Wilderness Area'."

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of legislation to add two areas in my State to the National Wilderness Preservation System. These areas, known as The Priest and the Three Ridges, are located in the George Washington National Forest and comprise approximately 10,500 acres.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is blessed with rich geographic diversity. From the Chesapeake Bay in the East to the Appalachian Mountains in the West, residents of the state and visitors alike are able to participate in a broad range of activities not often found in other areas of the country.

The Priest and the Three Ridges, in particular, offer unique opportunities for visitors to enjoy scenic views, interaction with wildlife, hiking, fishing, and other types of outdoor recreation. These areas need to be protected from development, and this legislation would ensure that they remain pristine for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Mr. President, I look forward to the designation of The Priest and Three Ridges as wilderness through the swift passage of this bill.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH OF OREGON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2866. A bill to provide for early learning programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ACT

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in the introduction of the "Early Learning Opportunities Act of 2000". We first brought this legislation to the floor of the Senate as an amendment to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. In fact, it is the pending amendment when we return to consideration of S.2.

Simply stated, this bill is designed to help parents and others who care for young children acquire the resources and tools that they need to do their most important job—nurturing and teaching our children. There is broad, bi-partisan support for this legislation because many of my colleagues recognize the importance of learning in the first few years of life.

Science has taught us that the most explosive time of learning for humans is during the first few years of life. Parents and others who provide care for our children need some help and support to make the most of these early years. Changes in family structures, the weakening of the role of the