

3815. A letter from the Assistant Vice President (Human Resources), Western Farm Credit Bank, transmitting the fiscal year 1991 annual pension plan report of the Western Farm Credit Bank, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Operations.

3816. A letter from the Deputy Associate Director for Collection and Disbursement, Department of the Interior, transmitting notice of proposed refunds of excess royalty payments in OCS areas, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1339(b); to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

3817. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the annual report to Congress on transportation security, pursuant to Public Law 101-604, section 102(a) (104 Stat. 3068); to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

3818. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Secretary's report on the operation of utilization and quality control peer review organizations for fiscal year 1989, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320c-10; jointly, to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3819. A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, Director of Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "Federal Credit and Debt Management Act of 1992"; jointly, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Ways and Means.

3820. A letter from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a copy of the report "Review of FY 1993 Agency Requests for Appropriations to Support Marine Pollution Research, Development, and Monitoring Programs," pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1703(a); jointly, to the Committees on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and Science, Space, and Technology.

3821. A letter from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting the Secretary's determination that Ezeiza International Airport [EZE], Buenos Aires, Argentina, was not maintaining and administering effective security measures; jointly, to the Committees on Public Works and Transportation and Foreign Affairs.

¶76.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills, a joint resolution, and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2818. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 78 Center Street in Pittsfield, MA; as the "Silvio O. Conte Federal Building", and for other purposes;

H.R. 3041. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, MO, as the "L. Douglas Abram Federal Building";

H.R. 3711. An Act to authorize grants to be made to State programs designed to provide resources to persons who are nutritionally at risk in the form of fresh nutritious unprepared foods, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4548. An Act to authorize contributions to U.N. peacekeeping activities;

H.J. Res. 509. Joint resolution to extend through September 30, 1992, the period in which there remains available for obligation certain amounts appropriated for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the school operations costs of Bureau-funded schools; and

H. Con. Res. 331. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill, joint resolutions, and a concurrent resolution of

the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1623. An Act to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement a royalty payment system and a serial copy management system for digital audio recording, to prohibit certain copyright infringement actions, and for other purposes;

S.J. Res. 221. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Hanna Holborn Gray as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution;

S.J. Res. 259. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr., as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 275. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Wesley Samuel Williams, Jr., as a citizen regent of Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

S. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution to authorize printing of "Thomas Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Practice," as prepared by the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5260. An Act to extend the emergency unemployment compensation program, to revise the trigger provisions contained in the extended unemployment compensation program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insisted upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 5260), "An act to extend the emergency unemployment compensation program, to revise the trigger provisions contained in the extended unemployment compensation program, and for other purposes," and requested a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appointed Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PACKWOOD, and Mr. DOLE, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

¶76.5 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 23, 1992.

Hon. THOMAS S. FOLEY,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 5 of rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House at 6:55 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 1992, and said to contain H.R. 2507, the "National Institutes of Health Revitalization Amendments of 1992," and a veto message thereon.

With great respect, I am  
Sincerely yours,  
DONNALD K. ANDERSON,  
*Clerk, House of Representatives.*

¶76.6 VETO OF H.R. 2507

The Clerk then read the veto message from the President, as follows:

*To the House of Representatives:*  
I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 2507, the "National Insti-

tutes of Health Revitalization Amendments of 1992," which would extend and amend biomedical research authorities of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Before discussing the flaws of H.R. 2507, I must clarify two misperceptions. First, H.R. 2507 is not necessary to assure that Federal spending continue for biomedical research, or for research related to any disease, disorder, or condition. Second, H.R. 2507 is not necessary to increase support for research targeted at women's health needs. Great progress is being made in the area of women's health under the valued leadership of the first female director of the NIH.

H.R. 2507 is unacceptable to me on almost every ground: ethical, fiscal, administrative, philosophical, and legal. I repeatedly warned the Congress of this at each stage of the legislative process. The bill's provisions permitting the use of tissue from induced abortions for federally funded transplantation research involving human subjects are inconsistent with our Nation's deeply held beliefs. Moreover, it is clear that this legislation would be counterproductive to the attainment of our Nation's health research objectives.

H.R. 2507 is objectionable because it would lift the current moratorium on the use of Federal funds for fetal tissue transplantation research where the tissue is obtained from induced abortions. Let it be clear: This is not a moratorium on research. It is only a moratorium on the use of one source of tissue for that research. I believe this moratorium is important in order to prevent taxpayer funds from being used for research that many Americans find morally repugnant and because of its potential for promoting and legitimizing abortion.

My Administration is strongly committed to pursuing research to find cures and treatments for such disorders as Parkinson's disease, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease that have been held out as areas where fetal tissue research might be pursued. Fetal tissue transplantation research relating to these disorders can proceed without relying on tissue from induced abortions. Medical experts at the Department of Health and Human Services have assured me that ectopic pregnancies and spontaneous abortions provide sufficient and suitable tissue to meet anticipated research needs. Therefore, on May 19, 1992, I issued an Executive order establishing a fetal tissue bank that will collect tissue from these sources so as to meet the needs of the research community. The bank will provide tissue directly to scientists for their research. This approval truly represents the pro-research and ethical alternative that will allow this research to go forward without relying on a source of tissue that many find to be morally objectionable.

H.R. 2507 also contains fiscally irresponsible authorization levels. The total cost of the provisions in this legislation could exceed the FY 1993 Budg-