

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 450. An act to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 450. An act to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The Committee on the Budget was discharged from further consideration of the following measures, which were referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for a period not to exceed 30 days.

S. 4. A bill to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority; and

S. 14. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget, without recommendation with amendments:

S. 4. A bill to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority (Rept. No. 104-9).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget, without recommendation with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 14. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed cancellations of budget items (Rept. No. 104-10).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 475. A bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Lady Hawk*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 476. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to eliminate the national maximum speed limit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 477. A bill to provide for the temporary suspension of the reformulated gasoline requirements under the Clean Air Act in States where bona fide health concerns have been raised until those concerns are appropriately addressed; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. 478. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the taxable sale or use, without penalty, of dyed diesel fuel with respect to recreational boaters; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. EXON, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BOND, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GREGG, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SIMON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HATFIELD, and Mr. PACKWOOD):

S. Res. 81. A resolution commending Robert D. Reischauer for his service to the Congress and the Nation; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 475. A bill to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Lady Hawk*, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "LADY HAWK"

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to provide a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Lady Hawk*, U.S. Official No. 961095.

The *Lady Hawk* is owned by Ms. Joan Dunn of Seldovia, AK.

The vessel was built in Little Falls, MN in 1989.

The first owners of the vessel—a married couple—were thought to be U.S. citizens, and a certificate of documentation for the *Lady Hawk* was issued in June 1990.

In November 1990, Ms. Joan Dunn purchased the *Lady Hawk* from the original owners, with the intent to eventually use it as a charter fishing vessel.

On November 11, 1993, Ms. Dunn received a notice from the Coast Guard

that one of the married couple who originally owned the vessel was in fact a Canadian citizen, and that the certificate of documentation for the *Lady Hawk* was therefore invalid.

The Coast Guard determined that Ms. Dunn was a bona fide purchaser in good faith, and informed her that it was pursuing penalty action against the former owner, but that the certificate of documentation for the *Lady Hawk* was nevertheless invalid.

The bill I am introducing today would grant a Jones Act waiver to Ms. Dunn for the vessel *Lady Hawk*.

Ms. Dunn, through no fault of her own, cannot use this vessel for fishing charters or other coastwise trade without this waiver.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mrs. HUTCHINSON):

S. 476. A bill to amend title 23, United

States Code, to eliminate the national maximum speed limit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

NATIONAL MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT REPEAL ACT

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the National Maximum Speed Limit Repeal Act of 1995 on behalf of myself and Mr. CAMPBELL. This legislation will return to the States the authority to establish their own speed limits.

The national maximum speed limit allows the Federal Government to penalize States which do not comply with posting and enforcement of speed regulations. The penalties are potentially as high as 10 percent of a State's National Highway System and surface transportation funds. It is also important to note that these highway revenues are generated entirely by the States.

The 55 mph speed limit law, which was amended to allow for a 65 mph limit on interstates and similar highways, in one of 19 provisions of Federal law which threatens States with the loss of their badly needed highway funds. Repealing the national maximum speed limit will help to eliminate these unnecessary and unfair Federal penalties.

This bill will further empower States with the responsibility to make their own decisions with regard to speed limits. Such authority should not be imposed by the bureaucracy in Washington, DC, but instead should be regulated by the individual States who understand their own transportation needs and who know what restrictions are best-suited for their citizens. Following my statement, I request that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

Thank you, Mr. President. We urge all Members to cosponsor this important measure.