

achieve the National Educational Goals for all citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-929. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal years 1991 and 1992 report relative to the effectiveness of programs under the Lead Contamination Control Act; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-930. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a fiscal year 1992 report relative to employment and training programs; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-931. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Administration on Aging for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-932. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 report relative to minority small business and capital ownership development; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-933. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility of certain minors for burial in national cemeteries; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-934. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to restrict payment of a clothing allowance to incarcerated veterans and to create a presumption of permanent and total disability for pension purposes for certain veterans who are patients in a nursing home; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-935. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Veterans' Insurance Reform Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 440. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-86).

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. D'AMATO:

S. 838. A bill to provide for additional radio broadcasting to Iran by the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 839. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit greater flexibility for States to enroll medicaid beneficiaries in managed care arrangements, to remove barriers preventing the provision of medical assistance under State medicaid plans through managed care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 840. A bill to provide the States greater flexibility in providing jobs for, and assist-

ance to, needy families, to improve child support enforcement, to reduce teenage pregnancy, and for other purposes; 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. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 122. A resolution designating James R. Ketchum as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 123. A resolution relating to the retirement of Gerald A. Hackett; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 124. A resolution relating to the retirement of Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr.; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 838. A bill to provide for additional radio broadcasting to Iran by the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RADIO FREE IRAN ACT

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Radio Free Iran Act.

This legislation is intended to create a Farsi-language service to be broadcast to Iran that will supplement, not supplant the current programming already beamed to Iran by the Voice of America. This service is intended to be made political in nature and as such, will bring to the Iranian people the real news that they are denied access to be the dictatorial regime in Tehran.

It is vital to the people of Iran that they be exposed to the truth of what is happening inside Iran. More must be done to detail what the regime is doing to this proud people. The Iranian people must understand how the regime has created impossible living conditions through massive inflation and shortages, persecuted minorities, denied human rights, and forced international isolation upon this proud nation because of its abhorrent practices.

The regime has robbed the Iranian people of its glorious history, replacing it with the status of a pariah state. The regime in Tehran is known as the chief sponsor of international terrorism, it is known as one of the worst abusers of human rights, and it is known for its unceasing determination to obtain weapons of mass destruction. This in itself is lowering the Iranian people's living standards with each passing day.

This legislation is intended to expose the people of Iran to a more balanced approach to the conditions in Iran so that they can hopefully have a greater impact on their own future.

If anything is clear it is that the Iranian people deserve better. They deserve a chance to live free of the abusive and dictatorial nature of their corrupt government. They deserve to shed the status that this regime has cast

upon them, and they deserve the chance to regain their proper role in the world.

Radio Free Iran will not be the panacea, but it will be the beginning. I want Radio Free Iran to be for the Iranian people what Radio Free Europe did for the people of Eastern Europe. The only goal for the Iranian people is freedom from oppression.

I urge my colleagues to support this worthwhile project.

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

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

S. 838

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 "Radio Free Iran Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) It is the policy of the United States to support the right of the People of Iran to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media, regardless of frontiers, in accordance with article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

(2) Consonant with this policy, radio broadcasting to Iran may be effective in furthering the open communication of accurate information and ideas about Iran to the people of Iran.

(3) Such broadcasting to Iran, operated in a manner not inconsistent with the broad foreign policy of the United States and in accordance with high professional standards, would be in the national interest.

SEC. 3. RADIO BROADCASTING TO IRAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out the objectives set forth in section 2, the United States Information Agency shall provide for the open communication of information and ideas on Iran through the use of radio broadcasting to Iran. Radio broadcasting to Iran under this section shall serve as a consistently reliable and authoritative source of accurate, objective, and comprehensive news on Iran.

(b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO BROADCASTING.—(1) Radio broadcasting under subsection (a) shall be provided in accordance with standards that ensure the broadcast of programs which are objective, accurate, and balanced, and which present a variety of views. Such standards shall be established by the board established under section 4.

(2) Radio broadcasting under subsection (a) shall be provided in the Farsi language.

(c) DESIGNATION OF BROADCASTS.—Any program of United States Government radio broadcasts in the Farsi language under this section shall be designated "Radio Free Iran".

(d) RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER RADIO SERVICE TO IRAN.—It is the sense of Congress that radio broadcasting under this section supplement and not supplant other radio broadcasting and radio broadcasting services to Iran in the Farsi language that are provided by the United States Government.

(e) AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.—The Director of the United States Information Agency may carry out this section by means of grants, contracts, and leases and by such other means as the Director determines appropriate. Any grant, contract, or lease under this subsection shall specify that payment thereunder by the Director is subject to the availability of appropriations thereof.