

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:03 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1091. An act to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia

H.R. 1296. An act to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 402) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 402. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

At 9:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1817) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1976) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. SKEEN, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mr. WALSH, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. THORNTON, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. OBEY as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1091. An act to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1296. An act to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1452. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the program recommendations of the Karachi Accountability Review Board; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1453. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Farmer Programs Loan Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged Applicants"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1454. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a flexible procedure for facilitating timely payment on claims on account of Government checks; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1455. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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. FORD:

S. 1262. A bill to provide for the establishment of certain limitations on advertisements relating to, and the sale of, tobacco products, and to provide for the increased enforcement of laws relating to underage tobacco use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1263. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise existing regulations concerning the conditions of payment under part B of the medicare program relating to anesthesia services furnished by certified registered nurse anesthetists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1264. A bill to provide for certain benefits of the Missouri River basin Pick-Sloan project to the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. PRESSLER:

S. Res. 175. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent elections in Hong Kong; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 422; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FORD:

S. 1262. A bill to provide for the establishment of certain limitations on advertisements relating to, and the sale of, tobacco products, and to provide for the increased enforcement of laws relating to underage tobacco use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT OF 1995

Mr. FORD. Madam President, I want to talk just a bit about personal freedoms. That notion is so deeply embedded in how Americans define themselves that we fought wars to defend it, marched down every Main Street in America to guard it, and turned politicians out at the polls to protect it.

That dedication to personal freedom was at the very core of how our Founding Fathers defined a nation, and it has endured the test of time.

Thomas Jefferson said that the ultimate powers of society belong to the people themselves. And, when Government is concerned that people might not be knowledgeable enough to exercise their control in a healthy direction, he wrote, "The remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform."

He understood that Government has a mission to inform, but not to dictate, because when Government passes over that line of guidance to coercion, every American's guarantee of personal freedom is irrevocably damaged.

I want to say this in the most forceful way possible, Madam President, that no one—no one—supports teen smoking. I am introducing legislation today directed at reducing the number of teenaged smokers in this country. But make no mistake, this legislation is equally driven by the need to prevent Government from regulating the legal choice of adults—of adults—in this country. And it does so by keeping the FDA out of the business of regulating tobacco.

It is no secret, Madam President, that the FDA would like to ban tobacco under the guise of regulating teen tobacco use. And that is why when many people in my State hear the phrase "Big Brother," they see the face of the FDA's David Kessler.

The other day I heard a radio interview of some stock car racing fans. They had some pretty harsh words for Washington and for the proposed regulations that could have a devastating effect on the sport that they enjoy so much. They used words like "misguided," and phrases like "Big Brother intruding."

You see, Madam President, they could not understand how the Government could prevent them from buying a T-shirt or a cap with their favorite race driver and sponsor on it. Plenty of those fans are parents who have no desire to see their children smoking cigarettes and who support commonsense efforts to reduce teen smoking. But