

H.R. 1384. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt certain full-time health-care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs from restrictions on remunerated outside professional activities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1536. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend for 2 years an expiring authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to determination of locality salaries for certain nurse anesthetist positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2394. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-1475. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report on programs, policies, and initiatives which facilitate fathers' involvement in their children's lives; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1476. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 93-08; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1477. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 92-14; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1478. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a description of the property to be transferred to the Republic of Panama in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and its related agreements; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1479. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, the report summary entitled, "Putting the Pieces Together: Controlling Lead Hazards in the Nation's Housing"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1480. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement regarding transactions involving exports to Kuwait; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1481. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement with respect to a transaction involving the combined-cycle power generation facility in Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

EC-1482. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement regarding transactions involving exports to Pakistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1483. A communication from the Chairman of Federal Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on low-income housing and community development activities of the federal home loan bank system for 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1484. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the credit advertising rules under the Truth in Lending Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-319. A resolution adopted by the Western States Land Commissioners Associations relative to federal royalty collections; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-320. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

"HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

"Whereas in Sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska; and

"Whereas the oil industry, the state, and the United States Department of the Interior consider the coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to be as much as 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil; and

"Whereas the residents of the North Slope Borough, within which the coastal plain is located, are supportive of development in the '1002 study area'; and

"Whereas oil and gas exploration and development of the coastal plain of the refuge and adjacent land could result in major discoveries that would reduce our nation's future need for imported oil, help balance the nation's trade deficit, and significantly increase the nation's security; and

"Whereas, for the first year ever, more than one-half of the oil used in the United States has come from foreign sources as domestic crude oil production fell to 6,600,000 barrels per day, its lowest annual level since 1954; and

"Whereas development of oil at Prudhoe Bay, Kuparuk, Endicott, Lisburne, and Milne Point has resulted in thousands of jobs throughout the United States and projected job creation as a result of coastal plain oil development will have a positive effect in all 50 states; and

"Whereas Prudhoe Bay production is declining by approximately 10 percent a year; and

"Whereas opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge now allows sufficient time for planning environmental safeguards, development, and national security review; and

"Whereas the oil and gas industry and related Alaskan employment have been severely affected by reduced oil and gas activity, and the reduction in industry investment and employment has broad implications for the Alaskan work force and the entire state economy; and

"Whereas the 1,500,000-acre coastal plain of the refuge comprises only eight percent of the 19,000,000-acre refuge, and the development of the oil and gas reserves in the refuge's coastal plain would affect an area of only 5,000 to 7,000 acres, which is one and one-half percent of the area of the coastal plain; and

"Whereas 8,000,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set aside as wilderness; and

"Whereas the oil industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it can safely conduct oil and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife populations; be it

"Resolved by the Alaska State Legislature, That the Congress of the United States is urged to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production; and be it further

"Resolved, That that activity be conducted in a manner that protects the environment and uses the state's work force to the maximum extent possible."

POM-321. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of West Branch, Michigan relative to waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-322. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Warren, Ohio relative to traffic control devices; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-323. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

"Whereas, due to chronic failures of the sewage system that serves the City of Tijuana, in Baja California, Mexico, large amounts of untreated wastewater flow into the Tijuana River and its tributaries and across the international border into the San Diego area of this state; and

"Whereas, the flows of untreated wastewater often contain toxic contaminants because Mexico does not require the pretreatment of industrial waste and thus pose a threat to both public health and the ecosystems of the Tijuana River estuary and beaches located near the mouth of the river; and

"Whereas, to address those issues, in July, 1990, the federal government and the Mexican government signed Minute 283, calling for a conceptual plan for an international solution to the border sanitation problem in San Diego, California and Tijuana, Baja California; and

"Whereas, the two governments agreed in Minute 283 to the creation of an international wastewater treatment plant, to be constructed on the southwest bank of the Tijuana River on the United States side of the border, that will be capable of treating twenty-five million gallons of untreated wastewater per day and is to be funded and supervised by both the United States and Mexico, through the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to move with all deliberate speed, and take all necessary steps, to complete the construction of the International Wastewater Treatment Plant on the Tijuana River near San Diego as soon as possible; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States."

POM-324. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the