

H.R. 2405. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-1506. A communication from the Chairman of the International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1507. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a Presidential determination relative to Serbia and Montenegro; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1508. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a Presidential determination relative to Mongolia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1509. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a Presidential determination relative to Rwanda and Burundi under the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1510. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of certification for fiscal year 1996 relative to the United Nations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1511. A communication from the Assistant Legal Affairs Adviser for Treaty Affairs, the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of the international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1512. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the management report for the period October 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1513. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Secretary for Administration, the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1514. A communication from the Chief of the Retirement Branch Directorate of Force Management and Personnel, the Department of Air Force, transmitting, the annual report for the Air Force Nonappropriated Fund Retirement Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1515. A communication from the Comptroller General, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports and testimony for the month of August 1995; to the Committee on Governmental 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-344. A resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the Northeast Ohio Areawide

Coordinating Agency relative to the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-345. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Appropriations:

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

"Whereas, the Congress of the United States is expected to consider funding for additional Air Force B-2 Stealth Bombers beyond the 20 currently authorized; and

"Whereas, international challenges persist, and the availability of stealth bomber technology will enable the Air Force to respond quickly and decisively; and

"Whereas, the United States' ability to respond effectively would be greatly undermined if the Air Force's current fleet of bombers is allowed to become obsolescent; and

"Whereas, according to the 1995 defense appropriations bill, 'Independent studies have concluded that the 20 B-2 aircraft currently on order are simply not enough to provide a militarily-significant and cost-effective long-rang conventional bomber force . . .'; and

"Whereas, the B-2 is the only aircraft currently in production that incorporates advanced stealth technology, developed in California, that unlike the current fleet of bombers, gives the United States superiority over any adversary in the world; and

"Whereas, the B-2 program employs 9,000 people in California at Northrop Grumman Corporation, the prime contractor, and more than 2,000 suppliers throughout the state, and helps support thousands of additional jobs at local businesses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the B-2 Stealth Bomber is acknowledged as a key element of the military strategy for the defense of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully urges the President and the Congress of the United States to provide the necessary funding in the 1996 fiscal year for additional production of the Air Force B-2 Stealth Bomber, an important national resource; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the 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-346. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40

"Whereas, the most recent base closure and realignment recommendations forwarded to the President by the federally-appointed Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission now include an additional 20 California defense facilities; and

"Whereas, Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan led the charge in rebuilding American's defenses in the 20th Century and in practicing a policy of 'peace through strength'; and

"Whereas, the fruits of this policy were realized with the collapse of the Soviet empire, America's victory in the Cold War, and the military's stunning victory in the Persian Gulf War; and

"Whereas, Americans have a profound respect for the men and women of the United States military who faithfully serve the country; and

"Whereas, we believe that, if the men and women of the military are sent into harm's way, they must be equipped with whatever is necessary to ensure their safety and to get the job done; and

"Whereas, the world remains a dangerous place, with military involvements recently in Iraq, Haiti, and now Bosnia, and the maintenance of our defense should be a top priority; and

"Whereas, downsizing and streamlining military operations are important goals—but only as long as the security of the United States is not compromised; and

"Whereas, the bases in California, especially McClellan Air Force Base and the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, are vital national assets on the Pacific Rim; and

"Whereas, it was recently learned that technology from McClellan Air Force Base was used in the rescue of downed Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady in Bosnia; and

"Whereas, the radio beacon and transmitter, as well as the E3A AWACS aircraft equipment and radio communication system used by O'Grady and his rescuers, were repaired and serviced at McClellan Air Force Base; and

"Whereas, California has been forced to endure up to 50 percent of all national economic impact from base closures; and

"Whereas, the closure of these California facilities would represent direct and indirect job losses of up to 46,000 jobs, and since the California economy is highly reliant upon the high technology associated with national defense expenditures, these closures will only exacerbate that devastation; and

"Whereas, the California economy, already suffering from the strain of previous base closures, would be further injured by these additional closures, which would represent the loss of an estimated additional \$10,200,000,000 in annual income: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California memorializes the President of the United States and the United States Congress to reject the entire base-closure list to be submitted on or before July 1, 1995, by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That the President, in consultation with the Congress, is urged to develop a more balanced policy with regard to the security needs of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a more balanced national security policy should take into consideration the strong military strategic concerns of the United States Defense Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff; 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-347. A resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of San Angelo, Texas relative to trust fund accounts; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-348. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County, North Carolina relative to tobacco; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-349. A resolution adopted by the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America relative to the Impact Aid Program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-350. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

"JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

"Whereas, the Congress of the United States, acknowledging the fiscal burden