

any way belittle this fine mining company that has invested almost \$2 billion in the State of Nevada.

I think it is time, as I stated at the start of this discussion, we deal just with the facts. Let us deal just with the facts. As Jack Webb, I repeat, the Joe Friday of the "Dagnet" series, said, we need to deal with the facts, have this discussion on the facts, not rhetoric that has no bearing on the issues.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

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 Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 457. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Army to provide technical assistance to local interests for planning the establishment of a regional water authority in north-eastern Ohio.

H.R. 1715. An act respecting the relationship between workers' compensation benefits and the benefits available under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act.

H.R. 1905. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

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-1577. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 95-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1578. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 92-17; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1579. A communication from the Deputy and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation and the Executive Director of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report of unaudited financial statements for the six-month period ending September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1580. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on transportation security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1581. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, the Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States, 1987-1994"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1582. A communication from the Deputy Associate Director for Compliance, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the intention to make refunds of offshore lease revenues where a refund or recoupment is appropriate; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1583. A communication from the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for fiscal years 1994-1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1584. A communication from the Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for fiscal years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1585. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on reasonably identifiable Federal and State expenditures for endangered species in fiscal year 1993; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

EC-1586. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a Presidential determination relative to disaster relief assistance to Ecuador; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1587. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on oil pollution prevention training; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

EC-1588. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on mixed waste activities; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

EC-1589. A communication from the Chairperson of the Department of the Navy Retirement Trust, transmitting, pursuant to

law, reports relative to the 1993 annual pension report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1590. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-114 adopted by the Council on October 10, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1591. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a revised report entitled "Audit of the District of Columbia's Recycling Program"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1592. A communication from the Special Counsel of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the fiscal year 1995 audit and investigative activities of the Office of Special Counsel; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1593. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual audit for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1594. A communication from the Executive Director of the Marine Mammal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on audits and investigations during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1595. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the internal controls and financial systems in effect during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1596. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Enrichment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the internal controls and financial systems in effect during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 1316. A bill to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-169).

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. KYL (for himself and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 1397. A bill to provide for State control over fair housing matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1398. A bill to increase the penalty for trafficking in powdered cocaine to the same level as the penalty for trafficking in crack cocaine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. EXON, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1399. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure funding for essential