

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution concerning writer, political philosopher, human rights advocate, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Wei Jingsheng, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-1681. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1682. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Progress Made in Implementing Sections 6106 and 1038 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report entitled, "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program" for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1684. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on child support enforcement for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1685. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first annual report summarizing the evaluation activities relative to the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services with Serious Emotional Disturbances program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1686. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to make technical revisions to existing immigration law and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of consular and immigration services and operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1687. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed regulations governing corporation and labor organization activity, express advocacy and coordination with candidates; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1689. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1690. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1691. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector Gen-

eral Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1692. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1693. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1694. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on accounts containing unvouchered expenditures potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1695. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 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-480. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"RESOLUTION

"Whereas the federal government is considering legislation that would repeal the existing authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate water carriers transporting property between the 48 contiguous states and Alaska; and

"Whereas Alaska is uniquely dependent on water transportation in that virtually everything that Alaskans eat, drink, wear, or use comes into the state by ship or barge; and

"Whereas the deep water transport market serving the Alaska Railbelt is a classic duopoly situation in that two water carriers provide the vital service of transporting at least 75 percent of all goods shipped for 80 percent of the state's residents; and

"Whereas, in a duopoly situation, the service providers have an obligation to their customers to operate with the highest degree of fairness and disclosure; and

"Whereas the freight system by which Alaskans receive vital cargo should treat all customers fairly by guaranteeing equal access to competitive rates; and

"Whereas the citizens of Alaska, recognizing that their interests may best be served by allowing market forces to determine the cost of bringing vital goods to the state so far as possible, continue to have concerns about the cost of shipping goods to Alaska; and

"Whereas the citizens of Alaska have also expressed their desire to preserve the essen-

tial elements of the current system of regulating water carriers serving Alaska; and

"Whereas, if the Interstate Commerce Commission is abolished and if there is no other forum for shipper complaints, the citizens of the state may have no place to present and resolve complaints about water carriers serving Alaska other than in court; and

"Whereas the federal government has historically had a role in water transportation to Alaska through the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

"Whereas the federal government is considering whether to transfer some functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the United States Department of Transportation; and

"Whereas the Interstate Commerce Commission has recommended that the regulation of all domestic offshore water carriage be handled by the Federal Maritime Commission, which may also be abolished; and

"Whereas regulatory functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission relating to domestic offshore water carriage could be performed by other existing federal entities if the Interstate Commerce Commission is abolished in order to save federal taxpayer money; and

"Whereas three primary interests of Alaskans if such abolishment occurs are to ensure that rates for carriage to Alaska are fair and competitive, to ensure that carriage service to Alaska is dependable, and to ensure that an accessible forum exists in which Alaskans can present and resolve complaints; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Governor and members of the Alaska delegation in the United States Congress support the preservation of the essential regulatory functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission pertaining to domestic offshore water carriage that serve the best interests of Alaska's consumers while providing an acceptable rate of return to the carriers which serve the Alaska market by transferring such regulatory functions to the United States Department of Transportation, if and when necessary."

POM-481. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Boynton, Florida relative to the Superfund Reform 95 principles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-482. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Finance.

"Whereas, the members of state legislatures are required to be away from their homes while performing the duties of their offices; and

"Whereas, members of state legislatures are reimbursed for their travel expenses and the other expenses incurred in performing their duties; and

"Whereas, under the provisions of 26 U.S.C., Section 162(h), state legislators are allowed to deduct such reasonable travel expenses for purposes of income taxation; and

"Whereas, the payment of such expenses is currently subject to withholding for purposes of the federal Social Security Act and for purposes of federal income taxation; and

"Whereas, it is only fitting and proper that such expenses should not be subjected to withholding for these purposes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That this body urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which would exclude the travel expenses and per diem of state legislators from income for purposes of contributions required under the federal Social Security Act and from withholding for purposes of federal income taxation, BE IT FURTHER