

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-999. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twenty-four rules including one rule relative to class E airspace, (RIN2120-AE64, AE65, AE66) received on February 3, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1000. A communication from the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "District of Columbia's Procurement system, received on February 3, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1001. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-505 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1002. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1003. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1004. A communication from the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the balance sheet for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1005. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to adoption fees, (RIN1004-AC61) received on February 3, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1006. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to lessee and contractor employees, (RIN1010-AB99) received on January 31, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1007. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to adoption fees, (RIN1010-AC19) received on January 31, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 279. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-4).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive report of committee was submitted on January 30, 1997:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Rep-

resentative, with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

The following executive report of committee was submitted on February 5, 1997:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Rodney E. Slater, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Transportation.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed.)

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. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KYL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. REID, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 263. A bill to prohibit the import, export, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, acquisition, and receipt of bear viscera or products that contain or claim to contain bear viscera, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 264. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide an incentive for the reporting of inaccurate medicare claims for payment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 265. A bill to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one committee reports, the other committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 266. A bill to establish the Government 2000 Commission to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 267. A bill to provide for the imposition of administrative fees for medicare overpayment collection, and to require automated prepayment screening of medicare claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 268. A bill to regulate flights over national parks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 269. A bill to provide that the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall include an estimate of Federal retirement benefits for each Member of Congress in their semiannual reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 270. A bill to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 271. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to ensure that at least an equivalent level of service will be supplied to the public and affected agencies before closing National Weather Service field stations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 272. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow defense contractors a credit against income tax for 20 percent of the defense conversion employee retraining expenses paid or incurred by the contractors; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives relating to the closure, realignment, or downsizing of military installations; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 274. A bill to establish a Northern Border States-Canada Trade Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. BOND):

S. 275. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt financing of private sector highway infrastructure construction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 276. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to conform to State law the vehicle weight limitations on certain portions of the Interstate System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 277. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to restore the effectiveness of certain provisions regulating Federal milk marketing orders; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 278. A bill to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 279. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 280. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to allow employees to take school involvement leave to participate in the school activities of their children or to participate in literacy training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):