

1979, in connection with the Iranian hostage crisis and therefore requires separate renewal of emergency authorities.

The factors that led me to declare a national emergency with respect to Iran on March 15, 1995, have not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran, including its support for international terrorism, efforts to undermine the Middle East peace process, and its acquisition of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, continue to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Accordingly, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities that are in place by virtue of the March 15, 1995, declaration of emergency.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 5, 1997.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measures were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 22. Joint resolution to express the sense of the Congress concerning the appointment by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 presidential election campaign.

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-1310. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, four rules including a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans" (FRL5696-8, 5696-6, 5697-7, 5697-3) received on March 3, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1311. A communication from the Chairman of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of recommendations concerning Medicare payment policies; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1312. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Veterans' Education" (RIN2900-AI53) received on March 4, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1313. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1314. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1315. A communication from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom

of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1316. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1317. A communication from the Assistant Secretary (Management) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following report of committee was submitted on March 4, 1997:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 19: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 392. A bill to provide an exception to the restrictions on eligibility for public benefits for certain legal aliens; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 393. A bill to clarify the tax treatment of certain disability benefits received by former police officers or firefighters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH) (by request):

S. 394. A bill to partially restore compensation levels to their past equivalent in terms of real income and establish the procedure for adjusting future compensation of justices and judges of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 395. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the method of payment of taxes on distilled spirits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 396. A bill to amend titles 5 and 37, United States Code, to provide for the continuance of pay and the authority to make certain expenditures and obligations during lapses in appropriations; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 397. A bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to extend the civil service retirement provisions of such chapter which are applicable to law enforcement officers, to inspectors of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, inspectors and canine enforcement officers of the United States Customs Service, and revenue officers of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 398. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the use of child re-

straint systems approved by the Secretary of Transportation on commercial aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 399. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 400. A bill to amend rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, relating to representations in court and sanctions for violating such rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 401. A bill to improve the control of outdoor advertising in areas adjacent to the Interstate System, the National Highway System, and certain other federally assisted highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 402. A bill to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 403. A bill to expand the definition of limited tax benefit for purposes of the Line Item Veto Act; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committees have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 404. A bill to modify the budget process to provide for separate budget treatment of the dedicated tax revenues deposited in 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, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committees have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 405. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to allow greater opportunity to elect the alternative incremental credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BOND, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 406. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 407. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to authorize foreign investment in United States broadcast and common carrier radio licenses; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN):