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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

At 7:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1122. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1122. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

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-1470. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to funding of morale, welfare, and recreation activities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1471. A communication from the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States" (RIN0648-XX75) received on March 19, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1472. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Superfund financial activities at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1473. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules received on March 18, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1474. A communication from the Acting Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Supplemental Security Income program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1475. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Consolidation, Elimination, and Clarification of Various Regulations," (RIN1117-AA33) received on March 18, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1476. A communication from the Director of the Office of Communications of the Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1996 annual report of the Department under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1477. A communication from the Director (Government Relations) of the Girl Scouts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of work and activities for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1478. A communication from the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to authorize expenditures for fiscal year 1998 for the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Armed Services.

EC-1479. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Export-Import Bank Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1480. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the internal controls and financial systems in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1481. A communication from the Executive Director of the United States Arctic Research Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General and Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Acts for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1482. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Institute of Museum Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on internal control and financial systems for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1483. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1484. A communication from the Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Elimination of Establishment License Application" received on March 19, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1485. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the evaluation report on the Youth Fair Chance program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1486. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Oil Spill Response Requirements" (RIN1010-AB81) received on March 18, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1487. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Standards For Business Practices" received on March 19, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1488. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers 1995"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1489. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate During the One Hundred Fourth Congress" (Rept. No. 105-8).

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany the resolution (S. Res. 54) authorizing biennial expenditures by committee of the Senate (Rept. No. 105-9).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 104) to amend the Nuclear Waste Public Act of 1982 (Rept. No. 105-10).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 270: A bill to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term of four years.

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 482. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to partially exclude from the gross estate of a decedent the value of a family-owned business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 483. A bill to fully fund the construction of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BOND):

S. 484. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a pediatric research initiative; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BOND):

S. 485. A bill to amend the Competitive, Special, and Facilities Research Grant Act to provide increased emphasis on competitive grants to promote agricultural research projects regarding precision agriculture and to provide for the dissemination of the results of the research projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 486. A bill to amend the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 to clarify the limitation for accession to the GATT and the WTO of foreign countries that have state trading enterprises; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 487. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to employment opportunities in the Department of Health and Human Services for women who are scientists, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 488. A bill to control crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 489. A bill to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust for inflation the dollar limitations on the dependent care credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FORD:

S. 491. A bill to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from acquiring land to establish a refuge of the National Wildlife Refuge System unless at least 50 percent of the owners of the land in the proposed refuge favor the acquisition; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 492. A bill to amend certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, in order to ensure equality between Federal firefighters and other employees in the civil service and other public sector firefighters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. GORTON):

S. 493. A bill to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. REID):

S. 494. A bill to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 495. A bill to provide criminal and civil penalties for the unlawful acquisition, transfer, or use of any chemical weapon or biological weapon, and to reduce the threat of acts of terrorism or armed aggression involving the use of any such weapon against the United States, its citizens, or Armed Forces, or those of any allied country, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 496. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 497. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to repeal the provisions of the Acts that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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

S. 498. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an employee to elect to receive taxable cash compensation in lieu of nontaxable parking benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 499. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an election to exclude from the gross estate of a decedent the value of certain land subject to a qualified conservation easement, and to make technical changes to alternative valuation rules; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 500. A bill to authorize emergency appropriations for cleanup and repair of damages to facilities of Yosemite National Park and other California national parks caused by heavy rains and flooding in December 1996 and January 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 501. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide all taxpayers with a 50 percent deduction for capital gains, to increase the exclusion for gain on qualified small business stock, to index the basis of certain capital assets, to allow the capital loss deduction for losses on the sale or exchange of an individual's principal residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 502. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide post-eligibility treatment of certain payments received under a Department of Veterans Affairs pension or compensation program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NICKLES:

S. 503. A bill to prevent the transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (commonly known as HIV), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 504. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale of personal information about children without their parent's consent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 505. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 506. A bill to clarify certain copyright provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 507. A bill to establish the United States Patent and Trademark Organization as a Government corporation, to amend the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, reexamination reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 508. A bill to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 509. A bill to provide for the return of certain program and activity funds rejected by States to the Treasury to reduce the Federal deficit, and for other purposes; 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 Committee has thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 510. A bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to develop and implement a plan to improve the Capitol grounds through the elimination and modification of space allocated for parking; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 511. A bill to require that the health and safety of a child be considered in any foster care or adoption placement, to eliminate barriers to the termination of parental rights in appropriate cases, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ROBB, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S.J. Res. 24. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for women and men; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 66. A resolution commending the University of Florida football team for winning the 1996 Division I Collegiate football national championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 67. A resolution to authorize the printing of the History Manuscript of the Republican and Democratic Policy Committees