

S. 543. An act to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

MEASURE REFERRED

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs:

S. 156. A bill to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1306. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in such State of an out-of-State bank.

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-1950. A communication from the Chairman of the National Defense Panel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the assessment of the May 1997 quadrennial defense review; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1951. A communication from the Director of the Washington Headquarters Services, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Civilian Health" (RIN0720-AA40) received on May 16, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1952. A communication from the Secretary of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (RIN3235-AH07) received on May 16, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel of the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Technology Innovation Challenge Grants" (RIN1810-AA82); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1954. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Drug Labeling" (RIN0910-AA45); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1955. A communication from the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed

legislation to make technical amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1956. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Adult Basic Education and Literacy for the Twenty-First Century Act"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1957. A communication from the Secretary of Education and the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting jointly, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The America Reads Challenge Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1958. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Increased Fine for Notice Posting Violations" received on May 12, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1959. A communication from the Chairman of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1960. A communication from the President of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1961. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets" received on May 12, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1962. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Education for Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1963. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Training and Employment Guidance Letters No. 6-96, 7-96" received on April 22, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1964. A communication from the President of the U.S. Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 459. A bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-20).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of impor-

tance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John W. Handy, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following-named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James W. Darden, 0000

Brig. Gen. Michael E. Dunlavy, 0000

Brig. Gen. Michael T. Gaw, 0000

Brig. Gen. George O. Hillard III, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Richard W. Hammond, 0000

Col. John R. Tindall, Jr., 0000

Col. Gary C. Wattnem, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Terry L. Paul, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following-named officers for appointment in the U.S. Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Joan M. Engel, 0000

Rear Adm. (1h) Jerry K. Johnson, 0000

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably 4 nomination lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and the Navy which were printed in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS of January 28, April 25 and 28, 1997, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of January 28, April 25 and 28, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

* * In the Air Force there are 686 appointments to the grade of colonel and below (list begins with Neal A. Andren) (Reference No. 172)

* * In the Army Reserve there are 41 appointments to the grade of colonel (list begins with James A. Adkins) (Reference No. 305)

* * In the Navy there are 2 appointments to the grade of commander and below (list begins with Thomas P. Yavorski) (Reference No. 308)

* * In the Navy there are 381 appointments to the grade of captain and below (list begins with Craig L. Herrick) (Reference No. 309)

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. MURKOWSKI:

S. 771. A bill to regulate the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail,