

H.R. 1902. An act to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws.

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-2336. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Importation of Beef from Argentina" (RIN0579-AA71) received on June 24, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2337. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the appropriated funds as of March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2338. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for the period April 1, 1996 to September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2340. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for the export of defense articles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2341. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2342. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for H.R. 1871; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2343. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of Revenue Rule 97-28, received on June 25, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2344. A communication from the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2345. A communication from the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Generalized System of Preferences Reauthorization Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2346. A communication from the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2347. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to Announcement 97-61; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2348. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to Notice 97-35; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2349. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to Revenue Procedure 97-30, received on June 23, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2350. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funds under the Trade Act of 1974; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2351. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Thermally Processed Low-Acid Foods" received on June 23, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2352. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2353. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a study to evaluate the use of sick leave for family care or bereavement purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2354. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2355. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to benefits for children of Vietnam Veterans born with spina bifida; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2356. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the disability pension program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2357. A communication from the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to reduce the fractioned ownership of Indian lands; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2358. A communication from the Attorney for National Council of Radiation Protection and Measurements, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of financial statements for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2359. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Regulation D" received on June 24, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2360. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "DoD Freedom of Information Act Program" received on June 24, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2361. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-83 adopted by the Council on May 5, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2362. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-84 adopted by the Council on May 6, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2363. A communication from the Inspector General, U.S. General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Inspector General's Act for the period October 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2364. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Defense Stockpile Requirements for 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2365. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a notice relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General John E. Miller; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2366. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Cooperative Threat Reduction project; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2367. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2368. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2369. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the Livestock Indemnity Program (RIN0506-AF15), received on June 26, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2370. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to scallop harvest and crab limits (RIN0648-AF81), received on June 26, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2371. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, U.S. Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding priority for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report under the Old Americans Act relative to the Aging Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2373. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license relative to the export of defense equipment under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2374. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed manufacturing license relative to Saudi Arabia's armored vehicles under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2375. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for export defense equipment under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2376. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a proposed license for the export of defense articles under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2377. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting pursuant to law, a proposed approval for exports to the United Kingdom under the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2378. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the youth programs of the Family and Youth Services Bureau for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2379. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the valuation of VA's portfolio of loans, notes, and guarantees, and other collateralized debts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2380. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on highway signs for the National Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2381. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled Tebuconazole (FRL-5849-2, 5838-7, 5718-7, 5720-4, 5725-7) received on June 24, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 231. A bill to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-37).

S. 423. A bill to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason (Rept. No. 105-38).

S. 669. A bill to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site (Rept. No. 105-39).

S. 731. A bill to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-40).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 173. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus Federal law enforcement canines to their handlers.

H.R. 680. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals.

S. 307. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of assistance to impoverished families and individuals, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 833. A bill to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and

Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzbaum United States Courthouse."

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 861. A bill to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of Federal law enforcement canines that are no longer needed for official purposes to individuals with experience handling canines in the performance of law enforcement duties.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

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

IN THE ARMY

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army, to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. David J. Kelley, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Randolph W. House, 0000

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they 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. MURKOWSKI:

S. 964. A bill to direct a property conveyance in the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 965. A bill to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 966. A bill to provide legal standards and procedures for suppliers of raw materials and component parts for medical devices and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 967. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MACK:

S. 968. A bill to provide for special immigrant status for certain aliens working as journalists in Hong Kong; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 969. A bill ordering the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such in-

justices by the President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. BUMPERS):

S. 970. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt certain aliens who work for the Department of Veterans Affairs from the requirement that they work only in areas designated as having a shortage of health-care professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 971. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 972. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit any deduction for gambling losses; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 973. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located at 551 Kingstown Road in Wakefield, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 974. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the qualifications for a country to be designated as a visa waiver pilot program country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 964. A bill to direct a property conveyance in the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE WARD VALLEY LAND TRANSFER ACT

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce legislation designed to end an impasse that we've endured for far too long—the stalemate over the Ward Valley low-level radioactive waste facility and efforts to implement an important Federal law—the low level radioactive waste policy amendments.

I am doing this today because of documents that have recently come to light under the Freedom of Information Act and due to the continuing differences between the words spoken under oath by a Presidential nominee before my committee and his actions to date.

For more than 10 years, the State of California acting in complete accordance with Federal law and in cooperation with responsible Federal agencies, has been attempting to open a low-level radioactive waste repository at a Mojave Desert site in Ward Valley.

The long, tortured process costing more than \$40 million has included a statewide search resulting in the selection of a virtually unpopulated desert valley; two environmental impact statements under the National Environmental Policy Act; two biological opinions under the Endangered Species Act; and judicial review including the California Supreme Court.