

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the civil society of the United States and the world and to the cause of nonviolent social and political change to the advance social justice and equality for all races and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the thirtieth anniversary of his death.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1151. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purposes of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight of insured credit unions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2400. An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

**MEASURES REFERRED**

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

H.R. 1151. An act to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purposes of Federal credit unions, to enhance supervisory oversight to insured credit unions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives, for the concurrence of the Senate, was read twice and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3310. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the civil society of the United States and the world and to the cause of nonviolent social and political change to advance social justice and equality for all races and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the thirtieth anniversary of this death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**ENROLLED BILL SIGNED**

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, April 2, 1998, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND):

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capa-

bilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

**ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED**

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 2, 1998 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 750. An act to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

**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-4500. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Bureau of Reclamation project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

E-4501. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Voting Assistance Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1609. A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 to 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress in its activities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-173).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 201. A resolution to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1723. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Arthur Levitt, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2003. (Reappointment)

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

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Ivan L. R. Lemelle, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Arthur J. Tarnow, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

George Caram Steeh, III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

A. Howard Matz, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard H. Deane, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Stephen C. Robinson, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Daniel C. Byrne, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

(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. DASCHLE:

S. 1905. A bill to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1906. A bill to require the Senate to remain in session to act on judicial nominations in certain circumstances; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1907. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit for wetland restoration and conservation expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 1908. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to carve out form payments to Medicare+Choice organizations amounts attributable to disproportionate share hospital payments and pay such amounts directly to those disproportionate share hospitals in which their enrollees receive care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1909. A bill to repeal the telephone excise tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 1910. A bill to clarify the applicability of authority to release restrictions and encumbrances on certain property located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1911. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a \$500 non-refundable credit to individuals for the payment of