

H.R. 4579. An act to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small business, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds, 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-7227. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Big Pine Key, Clewiston, Ft. Myers Villas, Indiantown, Jupiter, Key Colony Beach, Naples and Tice, Florida)" (Docket 94-155) received on September 25, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7228. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules regarding multifamily housing assistance (RIN2502-AH09) and loan guarantees for Indian housing (RIN2577-AB78) received on September 25, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7229. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation C, Home Mortgage Disclosure" (Docket R-0999) received on September 25, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7230. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Feasibility and Environmental Benefits Associated With Requiring Oil Spill Response Equipment on Tank Vessels"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7231. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carfentrazonethiol; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6032-1) received on September 28, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7232. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Black-Footed Ferrets in Northwest Colorado and Northeastern Utah" (RIN1018-AD99) received on September 25, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7233. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce and the Director of the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limit on Duty-Free Insular Watches in Calendar Year 1999" (RIN0625-AA53) received on September 22, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7234. A communication from the Senior Attorney and Federal Register Certifying Of-

ficer, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management of Federal Agency Disbursements" (RIN1510-AA56) received on September 25, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7235. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Revenue Service Announces New Procedures For Handling Matters In Bankruptcy" (Announcement 98-89) received on September 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7236. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Low Income Housing Credit" (Rev. Rul. 98-45) received on September 28, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-547. A resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County, New Jersey relative to Veterans Administration funding; to the Committee on the Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

H.R. 4342. A bill to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-356).

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. LOTT (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. KYL):

S. 2525. A bill to establish a program to support a transition to democracy in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 2526. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LITTLE TOOT; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BUMPERS, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 2527. A bill to better regulate the transfer of firearms at gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 2528. A bill to direct the Commissioner of Social Security to establish a demonstration project to conduct outreach efforts to increase awareness of the availability of medicare costsharing assistance to eligible low-income medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2529. A bill entitled the Patients Bill of Rights Act of 1998; read the first time.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2530. A bill to designate certain lands in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 2531. A bill to designate a portion of Interstate Route 70 in Missouri as "Mark McGwire Interstate Route 70"; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. FORD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HATCH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COATS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 121. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should take all necessary measures to respond to the increase in steel imports resulting from the financial crises in Asia, the independent states of the former Soviet Union, Russia, and other areas of the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. KYL):

S. 2525. A bill to establish a program to support a transition to democracy in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

IRAQ LIBERATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am introducing legislation allowing the President to provide direct and overt military assistance to the Iraqi opposition. This is a bipartisan initiative. I am joined by Senator KERREY of Nebraska, Senator MCCAIN of Arizona, Senator LIEBERMAN of Connecticut, Senator HELMS of North Carolina, Senator SHELBY of Alabama, Senator BROWNBACK of Kansas, and Senator KYL of Arizona.

Today is the 55th day without weapons inspections in Iraq. For months, I have urged the Administration to fundamentally change its policy on Iraq. Monitoring the concealment of weapons of mass destruction is not enough. Our goal should be to remove the regime of Saddam Hussein from power.

We should have no illusions. This will not be easy and it will not happen quickly. But it can happen. The U.S. has worked with Iraqi opponents of Saddam Hussein in the past. We can and should do so in the future.

I have been working with a bipartisan group of Senators throughout much of the year to support a change