

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 356. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

H.R. 1451. An act to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

H.R. 2401. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding.

H.R. 2607. An act to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, to authorize appropriations for the Office of Space Commercialization, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2681. An act to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 171. Concurrent resolution congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation.

H. Con. Res. 191. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Brooklyn Museum of Art should not receive Federal funds unless it closes its exhibits featuring works of a sacrilegious nature.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Departments of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. REGULA, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. DICKS, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. OBEY as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2684) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and for offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. WALSH, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PRICE of

North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. OBEY as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate appoints jointly the following individuals to a 5-year term to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Alan V. Friedman of California, Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of New York, and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Mississippi.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1451. An act to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1794. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2401. An act to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2681. An act to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 5, 1999, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1606. An act to extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to re-

quests 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 Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1686. A bill to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1687. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1688. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, relating to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and the family of the employee in the program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee, but the employee fails to provide the coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1689. A bill to require a report on the current United States policy and strategy regarding counter-narcotics assistance for Colombia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1690. A bill to require the United States to take action to provide bilateral debt relief, and improve the provision of multilateral debt relief, in order to give a fresh start to poor countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1691. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1692. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial birth abortions; read the first time.