

Programs Regulation Amendments" (RIN3209-AA07), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7515. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Timelines Under the Head Start Appeals Process" (RIN0970-AB87), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7516. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gastroenterology-Urology Devices: Reclassification of the Penile Rigidity Implant" (Docket No. 97N-0481), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7517. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Investment Companies" (RIN3245-AE08), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-7518. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Collection Approval; Technical Amendment to Affordable Housing Program Rule" (RIN3069-AA93), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7519. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Collection Approval; Technical Amendment to Community Support Requirements Rule" (RIN3069-AA95), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7520. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the percentage of funds that were expended during the preceding two fiscal years for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7521. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Cost Accounting Standards; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7522. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mentor-Protege Program Improvements" (DFARS Case 99-D307), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7523. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of Class Deviation Authority" (DFARS Case 99-D027), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7524. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "People's Republic of China" (DFARS Case 98-D305), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7525. A communication from the Acting Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OMB Circular

A-119" (DFARS Case 99-D024), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7526. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of its 2000 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7527. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Fee Schedule, National Agricultural Library" (RIN0518-AA01), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7528. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Clause for Export Controlled Technology," received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7530. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and Bering Sea subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands," received January 28, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7531. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Middlebury, Berlin and Hardwick, VT" (MM Docket No. 98-72, RM-9265, RM-9368), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7532. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Alberton and Big Sky, MT, Albany and Seymour, TX and Inglis, FL" (MM Dockets No. 99-304, 99-307, 99-286, 99-303, and 99-306), received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7533. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Fishing Vessels Greater than 99 feet LOA Catching Pollock for Processing by the Inshore Component Independently of a Cooperative in the Bering Sea," received February 9, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7534. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of foreign aviation authorities to which the Administrator provided services in the preceding fiscal year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7535. A communication from the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on actions taken in respect to the New England fishing capacity reduction initiative; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-403. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the Highland Links Golf Course in the Town of Truro, MA; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the town of Truro was incorporated as a town of this commonwealth in 1709; and

Whereas, the Highlands Links is a 107 year-old golf course located in Truro within the boundaries of the national seashore; and

Whereas, the town of Truro has operated and managed the Highland Links Golf Course for over 10 years in a professional and efficient manner; and

Whereas, the town of Truro is the only known municipality in the United States operating a concession for the National Park Service; and

Whereas, the proposed interpretation of title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, and the proposed National Park Service rules, 36 CFR part 51, interpret new concession contract procedures in a manner requiring the National Park Service to solicit public bids to operate the Highland Links Golf Course; and

Whereas, such a public bid for these services would not be in the public interest and would disturb a long-standing and historically significant contractual arrangement benefiting the town and its residents; and

Whereas, private operation would harm the public interest and destroy a piece of the unique character of Cape Cod; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts general court strongly favors a change to the Code of Federal Regulations allowing a contract for concessions to be awarded to a governmental unit operating a concession in the public interest, without public solicitation and respectfully requests the National Park Service to accommodate the will of the town of Truro to continue the unique arrangement for operation of the Highland Links Golf Course as it has for 30 years; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the National Park Service.

POM-404. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island relative to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; to the Committee on Foreign Relations

HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas, A twenty-year study by the United Nations reported that women face discrimination in every region on earth; and

Whereas, In 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and President Carter sent the convention to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for ratification where it has remained; and

Whereas, Currently, one hundred sixty-five (165) nations, including all of the industrialized world, except South Africa and the United States, have agreed to be bound by the convention's provisions; and

Whereas, The spirit of the convention is rooted in the goals of the United Nations to affirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person,

and in the equal rights of men and women; and

Whereas, The convention provides a comprehensive framework for challenging the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex, and the nations in support of the present convention have agreed to follow convention prescriptions; and

Whereas, Women constitute at least forty-one percent of the work force worldwide yet are far behind men in pay, power, and responsibility; and

Whereas, Nearly seventy percent of the world's poor are women; and

Whereas, On average, women around the world earn thirty to forty percent less than men for work of comparable value; and

Whereas, Twelve countries have laws that do not allow women to seek employment, open a bank account, or apply for a loan without the husband's authorization; and

Whereas, Thirty-three and six-tenths percent of the adult female population is illiterate versus 19.4 percent of the adult male population; and

Whereas, Young women face discrimination in the classroom which undermines their self-esteem and jeopardizes their future performance; and

Whereas, Over sixty percent of the women and girls in the world live under conditions which threaten their health; and

Whereas, Eleven percent of the women in industrialized countries suffer from nutritional anemia, and up to two-thirds of pregnant women in Africa and much of Asia are anemic; and

Whereas, In Austria, violence against wives was cited as a contributing factor in 59 percent of 1,500 divorce cases that were reviewed; and

Whereas, In the United States six million women are beaten by their husbands or boyfriends each year, and 1,500 of them will die; and

Whereas, Battering is the major cause of injury to women in the United States; and

Whereas, In India, registered cases of women being killed in disputes over their dowries soared from 999 in 1985 to 1,786 in 1987; and

Whereas, Kuwait is the only country in the world that extends voting privileges to certain citizens, but prohibits all women from voting; and

Whereas, Although women have made major gains in the struggle for equality in social, business, political, legal, educational, and other fields in this century, there is much yet to be accomplished, and through its support and leadership, the United States can help create a world where women are no longer discriminated against and can achieve one of the most fundamental of human rights, equality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That his House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges President William J. Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to place the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the highest category of priority in order to accelerate the treaty's passage through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and to the members of the Rhode Island Delegation to the Congress of the United States.

POM-405. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania relative to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the United States strategic petroleum reserves and to negotiate with OPEC or non-OPEC countries for additional oil reserves or supplies; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, Fuel, in particular diesel fuel, and home heating oil prices have skyrocketed to record highs in the first weeks of 2000, threatening this Commonwealth's citizens' well-being and safety to crisis proportions; and

Whereas, Retail prices of home heating fuel and diesel fuel in some areas of this Commonwealth have reached \$2 per gallon, and level rack prices of diesel fuel are 106% higher than they were in the first week of February 1999; and

Whereas, The impact of escalating oil prices on an industry that is operating on narrow profit margins is being compounded by driver shortages and other increased costs; and

Whereas, These increases dramatically affect prices for essential utility and municipal services, and increases in transportation costs threaten jobs and could cause major disruption of vital supplies and other goods and services; and

Whereas, Home heating oil supplies are extremely tight, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic and the Northeast, and weather forecasts call for continued below-normal temperatures; and

Whereas, Refineries in Pennsylvania and other states must produce more home heating fuel, which may cause shortages of other oil products such as gasoline, kerosene and undyed diesel fuel, thereby driving up prices accordingly; and

Whereas, The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has indicated its desire to extend existing output cuts amounting to over 4 million barrels per day, resulting in nearly triple prices in less than one year, devastation to world economic growth and inflation; and

Whereas, According to the International Energy Agency, global oil supplies could be as much as 3 million barrels per day below demand in the first quarter of 2000, and as much as 1.5 million barrels per day below requirements in the second quarter; and

Whereas, A mid-January snowstorm, which occurred in the northeast region of the United States, triggered even faster price increases in Pennsylvania, resulting in United States light crude oil selling just 4¢ below the \$30 per barrel mark; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of Energy to take immediate action to release emergency funding to the State for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and to release the United States strategic petroleum reserves, negotiate release of additional oil reserves from non-OPEC countries or negotiate with OPEC on additional supplies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Energy, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. Res. 251. A resolution designating March 25, 2000, as "Greek Independence Day: A Na-

tional Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 671. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1638. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests 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 time and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2051. A bill to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2052. A bill to establish a demonstration project to authorize the integration and coordination of Federal funding dedicated to community, business, and the economic development of Native American communities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2053. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide marriage tax penalty relief for earned income credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK:

S. 2054. A bill for the relief of Sandra J. Pilot; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 2055. A bill to establish the Katie Poirier Abduction Emergency Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2056. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to ensure an adequate level of commodity purchases under the school lunch program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2057. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the use of electronic measurement units (EMUs); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):