

EC-7580. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7581. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7582. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on programs for the utilization and donation of Federal property; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7583. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-243, "Motor Vehicle Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7584. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-244, "Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7585. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-246, "Federal Law Enforcement Officer Cooperation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7586. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-248, "Sex Offender Registration Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7587. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-249, "Lateral Appointment of Law Enforcement Officers Clarifying Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7588. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-251, "Mandatory Autopsy for Deceased Wards of the District of Columbia and Mandatory Unusual Incident Report Temporary Act of 1999 to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7589. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-255, "Al Arrighi Way Designation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7590. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-257, "Dennis Dolinger Memorial Park Designation Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7591. 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; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Offshore Component in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska", received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7592. A communication from the Vice President, Government Affairs, National

Railroad Passenger Corporation transmitting, pursuant to law, the Amtrak annual report for 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7593. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Port-au-Prince International Airport, Haiti; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7595. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Bunk Beds" (RIN3041-AB75), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7596. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D Airspace; Jackson, WY; Docket No. 99-ANM-11 {2-14-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0032), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7597. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Lexington, KY; Docket No. 99-ASO-25 {2-8-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0035), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7598. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; London, KY; Docket No. 99-ASO-23 {2-8-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0034), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7599. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class D and Class E Airspace; Tupelo, MS; Docket No. 99-ASO-3 {2-9-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0036), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7600. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Puerto Rico, PR; Correction; Docket No. 99-ASO-17 {2-8-2-10}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0031), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7601. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class C Airspace Area; VT; Docket No. 99-AWA-12 {2-10-2-14}" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0033), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7602. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (111); Amdt. No. 19742 {2-9/2-10}" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0008), received February 10, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7603. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric

Company CF6-80C2 Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 98-ANE-79" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0079), received February 14, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7604. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-200 Series Airplanes Modified in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate ST00969AT; Docket No. 99-NM-226" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0080), received February 14, 2000; 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-406. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Gettysburg National Military Park; to the Committee on Appropriations.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United States has a history that reveals the proud tradition and heritage of the American people; and

Whereas, battlefield sites where significant military engagements happened are some of the nation's most important historical sites; and

Whereas, Gettysburg was the site of one of the largest battles in the history of the United States and that battle is considered a turning point for the country in the Civil War; and

Whereas, President Lincoln, in giving his now famous Gettysburg Address dedicating the national cemetery that is located in Gettysburg, acknowledged that he could not adequately dedicate or consecrate the cemetery because "the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract"; and

Whereas, Gettysburg National Military Park, created shortly after the battle and funded largely by private donations and various states that belonged to the Union forces, covers thousands of acres and contains hundreds of monuments commemorating the battle; and

Whereas, the National Park Service lacks sufficient funds to adequately maintain and care for the grounds and monuments and is accepting donations to help preserve the park's monuments; and

Whereas, the commitment to preserve and maintain the monuments and grounds of Gettysburg National Military Park is a measure of how we value this nation and its people: Now therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress appropriate funds to adequately maintain and preserve the grounds and monuments of Gettysburg National Military Park; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-407. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the shortage

and cost of home heating oil in the Northeast; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the recent severe weather in the Northeast part of the country has caused a large increase in the use of home heating oil; and

Whereas, such increase has created a burden on the homeowners, tenants and business people who rely on such oil by adversely affecting their budgets; and

Whereas, such increased costs have been exacerbated by the large increase in the cost of such oil; and

Whereas, such increases have raised the specter of petroleum companies acting in combination to increase profits, fix prices and create artificial shortages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate hereby urges the Congress of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth to conduct an investigation and study of the current shortage of home heating oil in the Northeast part of the country and its attendant cost to determine whether such shortage and cost are real and the result of ordinary market forces or whether they are the result of price fixing and artificial manipulation; and urges the Congress to request the Justice Department of the United States to participate in such investigation and study; and also urges the Governor of the Commonwealth to direct the Department of Energy Resources to participate in such investigation and study in order to develop policies to prevent such shortages and cost increases in the future in the Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That in the event that such investigation and study shows that such increase in cost is due to a legitimate shortage of oil in the marketplace, thereafter the Congress shall take action to release into the marketplace an amount of oil from the national reserves that is sufficient to ameliorate the current cost; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the Governor of the Commonwealth, to the Presiding Officer of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from the Commonwealth.

POM-408. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the shortage and cost of home heating oil in the Northeast; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the recent severe weather in the Northeast part of the country has caused a large increase in the use of home heating oil; and

Whereas, such increase has created a burden on the homeowners, tenants and business people who rely on such oil by adversely affecting their budgets; and

Whereas, such increased costs have been exacerbated by the large increase in the cost of such oil; and

Whereas, such increases have raised the specter of petroleum companies acting in combination to increase profits, fix prices and create artificial shortages; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court hereby urges the Congress of the United States to commence an investigation and study of the current shortage of home heating oil in the Northeast part of the country and its attendant cost to determine whether such shortage and cost are real and the result of ordinary market forces or whether they are the result of price fixing

and artificial manipulation; and also urges the Congress to request the Justice Department of the United States to participate in such investigation and study; and be it further

Resolved, That in the event that such investigation and study shows that such increase in cost is due to a legitimate shortage of oil in the marketplace, thereafter the Congress shall take action to release into the marketplace an amount of oil from the national reserves that is sufficient to ameliorate the current cost; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Presiding Officer of each branch of Congress and to Members thereof from the Commonwealth.

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 Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2074. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the social security earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2075. A bill to expand Federal employee commuting options and to reduce the traffic congestion resulting from current Federal employee commuting patterns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2076. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, in recognition of his accomplishments as a priest, a chaplain, and a humanitarian; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. COVERDELLE):

S. 2077. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow nonitemizers a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2078. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Muhammad Ali in recognition of his outstanding athletic accomplishments and enduring contributions to humanity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 2079. A bill to facilitate the timely resolution of back-logged civil rights discrimination cases of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2080. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that food that contains a genetically engineered material, or that is produced with a genetically engineered material, must be labeled accordingly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2081. A bill entitled "Religious Liberty Protection Act of 2000"; read the first time.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 2082. A bill to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2083. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform dollar limitation for all types of transportation fringe benefits excludable from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2084. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the charitable deduction allowable for contributions of food inventory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 2085. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for older Americans to remain in the workforce beyond the age of eligibility for full social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 2086. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for older Americans to remain in the workforce beyond the age of eligibility for full social security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2074. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the social security earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age; to the Committee on Finance.

SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS TEST ELIMINATION ACT OF 2000

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today in favor of repealing the Social Security earnings test, the onerous tax burden the United States government places on seniors who wish to continue working. In order to ease this unfair burden, I am hereby introducing the Social Security Earnings Test Elimination Act of 2000.

The earnings test limits the amount a person older than 65 and younger than 70 can earn without having his or her Social Security benefits reduced. Currently, benefits are reduced by \$1 for each \$3 of earnings over \$17,000. This test provides a disincentive for seniors to work by reducing seniors' Social Security benefits according to the amount of income they earn.

It is time to repeal that limit. Right now, Social Security is scheduled to go bankrupt in 2034. One of the reasons for the looming bankruptcy of Social Security is the declining ratio of workers