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H.R. 4806. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building."

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4923. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the renewal of distressed communities, to provide for nine additional empowerment zones and increased tax incentives for empowerment zone development, to encourage investments in new markets, and for other purposes.

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. 343. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of families eating together.

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the historic significance of the 210th anniversary of the establishment of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 375. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of children in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of American Youth Day.

At 3:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hayes, 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. 4033. Act act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

H.R. 4710. An act to authorize appropriations for the prosecution of obscenity cases.

H.R. 4807. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2462. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2919. An act to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3236. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4047. An act to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4210. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for improved Federal efforts to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4320. An act to assist in the conservation of great apes and supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4697. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to ensure that United States assistance programs promote good governance by assisting other countries to combat corruption throughout society and to promote transparency and increased accountability for all levels of government and throughout the private sector; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4710. An act to authorize appropriations for the prosecution of obscenity cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 4806. An act to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4868. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 343. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of families eating together; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 372. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the historic significance of the 210th anniversary of the establishment of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H. Con. Res. 375. Concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of children in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of American Youth Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3485. An act to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4807. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2912. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in the United States to obtain lawful permanent residency status.

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-9975. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty" (RIN2900-AJ89) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9976. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulation: NATO Countries, Australia and Japan" received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9977. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9978. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9979. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9980. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9981. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TRICARE Nonavailability Statement Requirement for Maternity Care" received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9982. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Mid-Session Review for fiscal year 2001; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations, and the Budget.

EC-9983. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Part 702—Prompt Corrective Action; Risk-Based Net Worth Requirement" received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9984. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“Export Administration Regulations Entity List: Revisions to the Entity List” (RIN0694-AB73) received on July 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9985. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Home Loan Bank Advances, Eligible Collateral, New Business Activities and Related Matters” (RIN3069-AA97) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9986. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Election of Federal Home Loan Bank Directors” (RIN3069-AB00) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9987. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Membership Regulation and Advances Regulation” (RIN3069-AA94) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9988. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Hernandez v. Reno settlement agreement; Certain aliens eligible for family unity benefits after sponsoring family member’s naturalization; additional class of aliens ineligible for family unity benefits” (RIN1115-AE72 INS No. 1823-96) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9989. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, transmitting, the report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference on March 14, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9990. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Australia, French Guiana, Japan, Jordan, Kourou, The Netherlands, Singapore, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9991. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on A-76 reviews; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-9992. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Solvency Standards for Provider-Sponsored Organizations (HCFA-1011-F)” (RIN0938-AI83) received on July 12, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9993. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Rev. Proc. 2000-31 Form 1040 IRS e-file Program” (Rev. Proc. 2000-31) received on July 13, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9994. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “1999 Differential Earnings Rate” (Revenue Ruling 2000-37) received on July 17, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9995. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled “Social Security Amendments of 2000”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9996. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “August 2000 Applicable Federal Rates” (Revenue Ruling 2000-38) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9997. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coordinated Issue: All Industries-Lease Stripping Transactions” (UIL 9226.00-00) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9998. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Coordinated Issue: Motor Vehicle Industry-Service Technician Tool Reimbursements” (UIL 62.15-00) received on July 21, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9999. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Cash-out Limit Under sections 411(a)(7), 411(a)(11), and 417(e)(1) for Qualified Retirement Plans” (RIN 1545-AW59 (TD8891)) received on July 18, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10000. A communication from the Deputy Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System for Home Health Agencies (HCFA-1059-F)” (RIN0938-AJ24) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10001. A communication from the Deputy Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program; State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)-HCFA-4005-IFC” (RIN0938-AJ67) received on July 19, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10002. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Forced or Indentured Child Labor” (RIN1515-AC36) received on July 20, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-10003. 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 “Weighted Average Interest Rate Update” (Notice 2000-40) received on July 24, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1586: A bill to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-361).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1729: A bill to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Pamela B. Gwin Hall”.

H.R. 1901: A bill to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza United States Border Station”.

H.R. 1959: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 743 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center”.

H.R. 4608: A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the “James H. Quillen United States Courthouse”.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2253: A bill to authorize the establishment of a joint United States-Canada commission to study the feasibility of connecting the rail system in Alaska to the North American continental rail system; and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. (New Position)

Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Everett L. Mosley, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs).

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Belarus.

Nominee: Michael G. Kozak.

Post: Ambassador to Belarus.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: Eileen Louise Kozak, none.
3. Children and spouses names: Dan B. and Laura D. Kozak, none; Alexander G. Kozak, none.
4. Parents names: George C. and Margaret L. Kozak, none.
5. Grandparents names: deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses names: none.
7. Sisters and spouses names: Susan D. and Tom Volking, none; Lucinda J. and Bruce Campbell, none.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees’ 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 bill was introduced, read the first and second times by