

EC-716. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutant; Delaware, the District of Columbia, Allegheny County and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Control of Emissions from Existing Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units (FRL7434-5)" received on January 6, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-717. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "TSCA Inventory Update Rule Amendments (FRL6767-4)" received on January 6, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-718. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Process for Exempting Quarantine and Preshipment Applications of Methyl Bromide (FRL7434-1)" received on January 6, 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-719. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research—Alternative Financing Program" received on January 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-720. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HHS exchange visitor Program; Request for waiver of the two year Foreign Residence Requirement (0991-AB21)" received on December 17, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-721. A communication from the Director, Policy and Research, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Valuation of Benefits and Assets; Expected Retirement Age" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-722. A communication from the Director, Policy and Research, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-723. A communication from the Director, Policy and Research, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure to Participants; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-724. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Absorbable Polydioxanone Surgical Suture (Doc. No. 99P-5589)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-725. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management,

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Requirements; Abbreviated Applications; Final Rule (RIN0910-AC47)" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-726. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act Regulations" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-727. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Annual Reports for Fiscal Years 1996-1998 and 1999-2001" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-728. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity Annual Report Fiscal Year 2002" received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-729. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Federal Housing Finance Board Office of the Inspector General Semiannual Report for the period April 1, 2002-September 30, 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-730. A communication from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Inspector General's Report to Congress and Management's report for the period ended September 30, 2002" received on January 10, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-731. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General of the Department of Education in the period ending September 30, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-732. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to internal management controls during fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-733. A communication from the President, United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Consolidated Financial Statements and Additional Information pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-734. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Fiscal Year 2002 Inventory of Commercial Activities, received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-735. A communication from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Audit Report Register for the period ending September 30, 2002, received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-736. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period ending September 2002, received on January 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-737. A communication from the Chairman, National Science Board, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the Semiannual report of the Inspector General of the National Science Board covering activities for the period of April 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002, received on January 2, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-738. A communication from the Director of Engineering, Maintenance and Operations, The American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the activities for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-739. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the activities of the Commission's first year of activity; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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-7. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to cancer and biomedical research; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 668

Whereas, Cancer is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Cancer is disproportionately a disease of the elderly, with more than half of all cancer diagnoses occurring in persons 65 years of age or older, who are thus dependent on the Medicare program for provision of cancer care; and

Whereas, Treatment with anticancer drugs is the cornerstone of modern cancer care, and elderly cancer patients must have access to potentially life-extending drug therapy, but the Medicare program's coverage of drugs is limited to injectable drugs or oral drugs that have an injectable version; and

Whereas, The nation's investment in biomedical research has begun to bear fruit with a compelling array of new oral anticancer drugs that are less toxic, more effective and more cost-effective than existing therapies, but because such drugs do not have an injectable equivalent, they are not covered by Medicare; and

Whereas, Noncoverage of these important new products leaves many Medicare beneficiaries confronting the choice of either substantial out-of-pocket personal costs or the selection of more toxic, less effective treatments that are covered by the program; and

Whereas, Medicare's failure to cover oral anticancer drugs leaves at risk many beneficiaries suffering from blood-related cancers like leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, as well as cancers of the breast, lung and prostate; and

Whereas, Certain members of the Congress of the United States have recognized the necessity of Medicare coverage for all oral anticancer drugs and introduced legislation in the 107th Congress to achieve that result (H.R. 1624; S. 913): Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully urge the Congress to adopt legislation requiring the Medicare program to cover all oral anticancer drugs; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, members of the Congress, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

POM-8. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to memorializing September 11 as "National Day of Life Appreciation and Freedom"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 685

Whereas, The terrorist atrocities of September 11, 2001, against United States landmarks and citizens have united our nation in grief, remembrance and respect for the freedoms we enjoy; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States convened in special session at Federal Hall in New York City on September 6, 2002, to honor victims of the terror attacks and demonstrate national unity; and

Whereas, Americans and citizens around the globe marked the first anniversary of the terror attacks in public ceremonies, including reading the names of victims at Ground Zero, and through private observances and spontaneous tributes; and

Whereas, Despite the shock and loss of the attacks, survivors, witnesses and bereaved family members pursue the work of rebuilding their lives and creating appropriate memorials to honor the dead; and

Whereas, In the face of continued threats against us, public officials endeavor to safeguard our communities and our democracy; and

Whereas, Our strength rests in the continuity of our national life and the inherent resilience which enabled recovery from other painful events in our history and empowers our progress toward a safe, peaceful and stable future for our children; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress to declare September 11 as "National Day of Life Appreciation and Freedom"; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President, the Presiding Officers of each House of Congress and each member of the Congress.

POM-9. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to retirement security and savings; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, It has become increasingly apparent that many working individuals face challenges that make it difficult for them to maximize their retirement savings and plan adequately for their retirement; and

Whereas, Current law could be amended to encourage and facilitate increased retirement savings and retirement planning; and

Whereas, The 106th Congress considered H.R. 1102, the Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000, which subsequently failed passage; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have increased the amount of deductible contributions workers could make each year to an Individual Retirement Account, commonly known as an IRA, with special accelerations allowed for individuals 50 years of age and older; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have increased the dollar limit on deductions for participation in tax-deferred retirement plans, tax-sheltered annuities, and deferred compensation plans under Sections 401(k), 403(b), and 457 of Title 26 of the United States Code; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have repealed the laws that require the coordination of contributions to a plan under Section 457 of Title 26 of the United States Code with contributions to other such plans; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have revised and

clarified existing law to enhance pension fairness for women; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have increased pension portability by allowing distributions from IRAs, tax-deferred retirement plans, tax-sheltered annuities, and deferred compensation plans under Sections 401(k), 403(b), and 457 of Title 26 of the United States Code to be rolled over to other plans or arrangements, including a surviving spouse's plans or arrangements; and

Whereas, The Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 would have allowed a participant in a state or local government plan to exclude from gross income certain direct transfers of funds if they were used to purchase permissive service credits under the plan or to repay certain contributions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully requests that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States enact legislation containing provisions similar to the Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to forest resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Whereas, California is blessed with 40 million acres of forests that provide economic, consumer, environmental, and aesthetic benefits indispensable to our quality of life; and

Whereas, Preservation of those forestlands for fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, water quality, and open-space uses is a priority for all Californians and depends upon good forest management practices to ensure sustainable forests; and

Whereas, Good forest management integrates the nurturing, sustainable harvesting, and replanting of forests and conservation of soil, air, water, wildlife, fish habitat, and aesthetics; and

Whereas, Approximately 85 percent of California's water originates in forested watersheds; and

Whereas, Good Forest management requires cooperation among landowners, forest products enterprises, scientists, government, forest residents and visitors, and consumers of wood products; and

Whereas, 16 million acres of California forests contain productive forestlands available to provide a sustainable supply of building materials, paper, furniture, medicines, and other important products; and

Whereas, Forest-based enterprises have been an important component of California's economy for more than 150 years, supporting jobs, families, businesses, and entire rural communities throughout the state while providing significant tax revenues to government; and

Whereas, California was the first state to establish a multiagency, discretionary environmental review and approval process for timber harvesting on private lands in the United States; and

Whereas, Wood, a readily available and commonly used building product that is renewable, recyclable, reusable, and biodegradable, is critical to society's ability to meet the public's demand for housing; and

Whereas, Forest-based enterprises and professionals agree that they have a responsibility to be good stewards of the environment and are committed to continuing to improve upon modern, scientifically sound approaches that ensure maximum conservation and renewal of our forests: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California recognizes the important role that sustainably managed forests and products from those forests will continue to play in meeting the needs of the citizens of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages good forest practices to ensure the conservation, maintenance, and enhancement of a productive and stable forest environment that protects water quality, wildlife resources, and rural communities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature confirms its support for economically and environmentally sound management practices that ensure the sustainability of our forests as well as future supplies of essential products for our forests; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature memorializes the Congress to similarly declare its encouragement of public and private investment in economically and environmentally sound management practices that ensure sustainable forests for the benefit of present and future generations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-11. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to labor negotiations by California waterfront workers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37

Whereas, California ports are a crucial part of the global and local economies, and the labor negotiations that concern their operations are closely watched by businesses and governments; and

Whereas, The jobs in California ports are of high quality, due to agreements that have been negotiated over the last fifty year by the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) and organized labor; and

Whereas, The legal, established collective bargaining process, including the right to strike, is a right of the waterfront union members under the National Labor Relations Act of 1935; and

Whereas, The Bush administration has announced, through Department of Labor officials, that it may invoke a national economic emergency in order to forestall a strike under the Taft-Hartley Act, or may use the National Guard to prevent such a strike; and

Whereas, The use of this power, or even the announcement of the intentions to use it, will and has upset what has been, up until now, a level playing field between management and labor: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California opposes any action by the President and the administration that would impose a Taft-Hartley injunction against waterfront unions, would remove union workers from coverage by the National Labor Relations Act, or would send military personnel to the West Coast docks to assist in a lockout of waterfront union workers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-12. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to airport security workers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39

Whereas, The Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71) established the Transportation Security Administration within the Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security; and

Whereas, Under the act, the Under Secretary is responsible for day-to-day security screening operations for passenger air transportation, including the screening of passenger baggage; and

Whereas, Under the act, the Under Secretary is responsible for developing standards for the hiring, training, testing, and retention of security screening personnel; and

Whereas, Under the act, the qualification standards require that security screeners be citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, The Under Secretary assumed responsibility for airport security on February 19, 2002, and all security screening personnel that are not United States citizens will be terminated by November 19, 2002; and

Whereas, A large percentage of security screening personnel at several airports in California are not United States citizens; and

Whereas, In the bay area alone, approximately 1,200 security screeners, most of whom are of Filipino descent, will lose their jobs as a result of the requirement that security screeners must be United States citizens, with no demonstrable showing that this will improve safety or security; and

Whereas, The vast majority of security screeners that are not citizens of the United States are legal immigrants from nations that have long been friends or allies of the United States and their countries having fought alongside our soldiers during wartime; and

Whereas, The vast majority of security screeners that are not citizens of the United States have either applied for citizenship or are prevented from applying for citizenship as a result of punitive immigration policies; and

Whereas, Immigrant security screeners are not to blame for the September 11, 2001, disaster, and punitive action against those immigrants who are not a security risk creates and inflames ill feelings for this country abroad; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to suspend or eliminate the requirement that security screeners be citizens of the United States, and instead provide that those individuals must meet the same immigration requirements as persons who serve in the National Guard; and be it further

Resolved, That the President and the Congress should act to ensure that any legal immigrant that has applied for citizenship should be allowed to keep his or her security screening job, absent evidence showing that they are a security or criminal risk; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House

of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-13. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to federal proposal to devolve the administration of the unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Whereas, Unemployment insurance has been the bedrock of the social safety net for workers who have been laid off and are seeking jobs and is the first line of defense during economic downturns; and

Whereas, Unemployment insurance not only provides vital income support to laid off workers, but also stabilizes the local, state, and national economies because the benefits workers receive are invested back into the community; and

Whereas, President Bush's proposal would destroy the federal-state partnership on which the unemployment insurance system is founded and would eliminate the historic role of the federal government in both ensuring that administrative financing keeps pace with ever-changing workload needs and assuring that the program is implemented consistently across the country; and

Whereas, Although the administration proposes to provide much-needed additional "Reed Act" funding for state unemployment programs, under the proposal states would receive no federal aid to fund the administrative costs of the unemployment insurance system after 2006; and

Whereas, President Bush's proposal would reduce federal administrative payments that will result from the reduction in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) flat tax from \$56 per worker per year to \$14 per year; and

Whereas, This proposal would force California to raise taxes or find other state general funds to administer the unemployment insurance program; and

Whereas, President Bush's proposal would jeopardize the federal government's ability to help our state respond to economic downturns by drastically reducing the funding now dedicated to the federal unemployment trust funds; and

Whereas, The federal proposal would do nothing to help states cope with the challenges of expanding and modernizing their unemployment insurance systems, including ensuring that more low-wage workers are covered when they become unemployed; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California urges the President and Congress of the United States to abandon the federal proposal to devolve the administration of the unemployment insurance system. The Legislature also urges the President and Congress of the United States to instead work with the state to ensure that the state receives a greater level of workload-based federal appropriations for administrative financing, and to provide new dedicated federal funding to help the state cover the workers who are now having the most difficulty collecting unemployment benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-14. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to veterans; to the committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Whereas, The United States presently has a population of over 25 million veterans from

its previous wars. The majority of that veteran population is from World War II and the Korean War; and

Whereas, The World War II and Korean War veteran population is presently over 70 years of age, and that group is passing away at the rate of 1,000 veterans per day; and

Whereas, The United States government has acknowledged its responsibility to provide medical care or compensation for medical problems, as well as other benefits, to those veterans who served their country in time of war; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs is charged with administering the federal benefits program for veterans; and

Whereas, When a veteran passes away with a claim pending against the Department of Veterans Affairs, the claim essentially ends with the veteran's passing regardless of how long the claim had been pending; and

Whereas, Dying while waiting is unacceptable for American veterans; and

Whereas, There presently exists a backlog of over 601,000 claims submitted by veterans. This backlog has persisted for several years, with some claims outstanding for one year or more; and

Whereas, A significant portion of these claims involve World War II and Korean War veterans, and despite determined efforts by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to eliminate this backlog, the backlog continues; and

Whereas, There exists a trained group of individuals known as county veterans service officers located in 37 of the 50 states, representing 700 counties and a workforce of over 2,400 full-time local government employees; and

Whereas, These county veterans service officers were established in 1945 after World War II for the purpose of helping returning veterans reenter civilian life, and have continued to do so for all veterans of all wars since then; and

Whereas, These county veterans service officers are highly trained individuals who have continued to provide assistance to all veterans for over 50 years and are already familiar with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs claims policies and procedures; and

Whereas, For example, in California, county veterans service officers annually assist California's veterans obtain monetary benefits in excess of \$150 million by assisting these veterans in filing over 50,000 claims annually with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Whereas, This claims processing backlog needs to be urgently reduced while our World War II and Korean War veterans are still with us; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs could enter into a partnership with state and local governments to utilize these highly trained county veterans service officers to eliminate the present claims processing backlog, by expanding the county veterans service officers' role; and

Whereas, This would be a cost-effective way of reducing the claims processing backlog by eliminating the need for a substantial increase in federal employees; and

Whereas, These county veterans service officers, as represented by the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, have offered to assist the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in exchange for block grants to the various states based upon each state's veteran population to compensate county veterans service officers for their expanded role; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California urges the Congress of the United States and the President to support and enact legislation that would establish a federal/state partnership to use the knowledge and skills of the local county veterans service officers to assist the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in eliminating the veterans claims processing backlog in order that America's veterans can take advantage of the benefits that the United States has authorized for them for their faithful and loyal service to a grateful nation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-15. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to a national memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 52

Whereas, On September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93 while en route to San Francisco with 40 passengers and crew aboard was hijacked by terrorists; and

Whereas, The passengers and crew on the flight, understanding that the intention of the hijackers was to fly the plane into a target in the nation's Capitol, consulted with each other and their families about what action to take; and

Whereas, The passengers moved to stop this heinous act of terrorism, even at the cost of their lives, in an act of extraordinary bravery and self-sacrifice that resulted in the fatal crash of Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, The passengers and crew, some of whom were California residents, will forever be remembered and are memorialized in this resolution. The crew included: Jason Dahl, Leroy Homer, Jr., Lorraine G. Bay, Sandra W. Bradshaw, Wanda A. Green, Ceccee Lyles, and Deborah Ann Jacobs Welsh. The passengers included: Christian Adams, Todd Beamer, Alan Beaven, Mark Bingham, Deora Bodley, Marion Britton, Thomas E. Burnett, Jr., William Cashman, Georgine Rose Corrigan, Patricia Cushing, Joseph Deluca, Patrick "Joe" Driscoll, Edward Porter Felt, Jane C. Folger, Colleen L. Fraser, Andrew Garcia, Jeremy Glick, Lauren Grandcolas, Donald F. Greene, Linda Gronlund, Richard Guadagno, Toshiya Kuge, Hilda Marcin, Waleska Martinez, Nicole Miller, Louis J. Nacke II, Donald A. Peterson, Jean Hoadley Peterson, Mark "Mickey" Rothenberg, Christine Snyder, John Taligiani, Honor Elizabeth Wainio and Kristin Gould White; and

Whereas, Legislation (H.R. 3917) has been introduced to designate the crash site as a National Memorial that will honor the final resting place of the people of Flight 93 who were courageous and heroic in giving their lives to bring down the airplane. The legislation reads, in part, "the crash site is a profound symbol of American patriotism and spontaneous leadership of citizen-heroes"; and

Whereas, The designated National Memorial will honor the heroism of the Californians who were among the passengers and crew, demonstrating our commitment to the families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of the victims that the legacy of their loved ones will endure for generations; and

Whereas, The National memorial will remind future generations of the unmatched

courage of those aboard Flight 93 and inspire the nation to work for a world at peace and free of terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California requests the Congress and President of the United States to enact H.R. 3917 to designate a National Memorial at the crash site of Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania to pay tribute to and honor the true heroes of this nation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-16. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program; to the Committee on Finance.

Whereas, The United States Congress must reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program by October 1, 2002; and

Whereas, States are achieving success under TANF because states have the flexibility to design appropriate, effective programs that move people into work and support vulnerable children. Under TANF, California has decreased families' dependence on welfare, increased work rates and wages, and improved the well-being of children; and

Whereas, Welfare reauthorization should help states like California build on their unprecedented success at moving people off welfare; and

Whereas, Devolution was a core principle in welfare reform. The TANF block grant allows each state to design the most effective and appropriate programs for moving families from welfare to work. Under TANF, California welfare recipients are working more hours than ever before and California has nearly tripled the number of welfare recipients who are working; and

Whereas, The flexibility offered in current federal law has permitted California to make the well-being of children its highest priority. Under current federal law, California ensures that poor children have a basic level of subsistence, regardless of their parents' immigration status or ability to meet participation requirements; and

Whereas, Current federal law supports the fact that different strategies are needed for families facing different barriers to work. Today, California's counties develop welfare-to-work plans, work program, and participation requirements that are tailored to each family's unique circumstances. Current federal law permits California's counties to develop programs that are sensitive to state and country labor markets and employment rates; and

Whereas, Since 1997, when the TANF program was created, the value of the TANF block grant has significantly diminished due to inflation. If TANF funding continues at current levels, the inflation-adjusted value of the block grant in 2007 would be approximately 22 percent less than its original value in 1997; and

Whereas, California is using all of its TANF block grant, yet faces a projected shortfall in its TANF program. At the same time, California faces a budget deficit of \$24 billion, increasing the importance of adequate federal funding; and

Whereas, Child care is central to states' efforts to move families into work. Under TANF, states have helped many parents find and keep jobs, secure child care, and over-

come personal barriers to work. As work participation requirements rise, so must state resources to meet families' corresponding child care needs; and

Whereas, Despite states' success in moving many families off welfare, many families still on aid have numerous and complex barriers to joining the workforce. States want to move these families into work as quickly as possible, but recognize that families with difficulties, such as domestic violence, learning disabilities, and mental illness, must receive supportive services to address these barriers to work; and

Whereas, California is currently being penalized by the federal government for failure to implement a statewide automated child support system due to system failure on the part of the project's original vendor. California has paid nearly \$300 million in penalties from the state's General Fund and, upon completion of the statewide automation system, will pay total penalties of approximately \$1.3 billion. California has entered into a corrective action plan with the United States Department of Health and Human Services and is in full compliance with the plan; and

Whereas, Federal child support automation penalties have served the important purpose of capturing the attention of California and have resulted in significant restructuring to establish a reliable approach to securing a statewide automated child support system; and

Whereas, Governor Davis and the California Legislature have made a strong commitment to improving the state's child support program that has resulted in historically high levels of child support collections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That to build on the success of welfare reform, in reauthorization of the TANF program, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to maintain state flexibility to spend TANF funds. Given states' demonstrated success using this flexibility, this central premise of welfare reform should not be compromised in welfare reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to maintain state flexibility to provide a safety net to vulnerable children; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to maintain state flexibility to design the most effective ways to move people into work. State flexibility in designing work programs should not be compromised in welfare reauthorization; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to adjust the TANF block grant for inflation. Freezing the TANF block grant at current levels is not adequate to maintain even current program levels because inflation has eroded the value of the block grants. Welfare reauthorization is an opportunity for the federal government to address this funding inadequacy; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to recognize states' needs to provide ongoing supportive service. Welfare reauthorization should help states provide child care and supportive services, as they are substantial defenses in permanently keeping families off welfare; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to base the year on which the federal child support automation penalties are assessed to the 1997-98 fiscal year, the year prior to penalties first being imposed. This

will ensure that states do not incur additional penalties because of increased investments in the administration of their child support programs; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to give states the option to reinvest federal child support automation penalties back into their child support programs and automation efforts. This will ensure that states continue to concentrate on the deficiencies that contribute to automation implementation delays and subsequent penalties; and be it further

Resolved, In TANF reauthorization, the California Legislature urges federal policymakers to simplify the child support distribution rules to allow more money to reach families while also reducing California's system procurement cost and assisting in an earlier completion of the stateside automated system.

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the New Jersey State Senate relative to medicare program providing coverage for all anti-cancer drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 65

Whereas, Cancer is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in New Jersey and throughout the nation; and

Whereas, Cancer is disproportionately a disease of the elderly, with more than half of all cancer diagnoses occurring in persons 65 years of age or older, who are dependent on the federal Medicare program for provision of cancer care; and

Whereas, Treatment with anti-cancer drugs is the cornerstone of modern cancer care and elderly cancer patients must have access to potentially life-extending drug therapy, but the Medicare program's coverage of drugs is limited to injectable drugs or oral drugs that have injectable version; and

Whereas, The nation's investment in biomedical research has begun to bear fruit with a compelling array of new oral anti-cancer drugs that are less toxic, more effective and more cost-effective than existing therapies but, because these drugs do not have an injectable equivalent, they are not covered by the Medicare program; and

Whereas, Non-coverage of these important new products leaves many Medicare beneficiaries confronting the choice of either substantial out-of-pocket personal costs or selection of more toxic, less effective treatments that are covered by the program; and

Whereas, Medicare's failure to cover oral anti-cancer drugs leaves at risk many beneficiaries who suffer from blood-related cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, as well as cancers of the breast, lung and prostate; and

Whereas, Certain members of the United States Congress have recognized the necessity of Medicare coverage for all oral anti-cancer drugs and have introduced legislation in the 107th Congress to achieve that result, namely, H.R. 1624 and S. 913: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey.

1. This House respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation requiring the Medicare program to cover all oral anti-cancer drugs.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate

and attested by the Secretary of the Senate, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Health and Human Services of the United States, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the presiding officers of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and each of the members of the Congress of the United States elected from the State of New Jersey.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives relative to projected State revenue shortfall for fiscal year 2003-2004; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 694

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania anticipates a \$1.8 billion revenue shortfall for the 2003-2004 fiscal year due to the economic downturn, which could rise substantially due to additional State costs for homeland security and the loss of other State revenues due to tax cut provisions included in Federal economic stimulus legislation; and

Whereas, Because of the loss of revenue as a result of the recession and the new demands for public services since September 11, 2001, State and local governments are facing deep cuts in vital public services, including public health systems, education and health care; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is currently experiencing a 5.4% unemployment rate; and

Whereas, The numbers of displaced workers increase the demand for additional Medicaid coverage and other essential safety net services and place additional strain on the existing budget deficit; and

Whereas, State and local spending accounted for close to 12% of our nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2000, the slowing of state economies having affected all industries; and

Whereas, Medicaid, though provided through a Federal-state partnership, accounts for approximately 16% of the Commonwealth budgets; and

Whereas, If no additional Federal funding is received by Pennsylvania, we will be forced to reduce benefits and eligibility to our most vulnerable citizens; and

Whereas, The Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP) provides an efficient means to distribute aid to states with minimal administrative costs; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress to pass a temporary increase in Medicaid funding to provide immediate aid to states facing deficit budgets and increased costs to their Medicaid programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress to quickly pass the State Budget Relief Act of 2001, H.R. 3414, or any temporary increase in Medicaid funding to assist our State in its budget crisis; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress, to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and to Governor Mark S. Schweiker.

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Delaware relative to providing Medicare coverage for all anti-cancer drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 21

Whereas, cancer is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the State of Delaware and throughout the Nation; and

Whereas, cancer is disproportionately a disease of the elderly, with more than half of

all cancer diagnoses occurring in persons age 65 or older, who are thus dependent on the federal Medicare program for provision of cancer care; and

Whereas, with treatment using anti-cancer drugs being the cornerstone of modern cancer care, elderly cancer patients must have access to potentially life-extending drug therapy, but the Medicare program's current coverage for anti-cancer drugs is limited to injectable drugs or oral drugs that have an injectable version; and

Whereas, the nation's investment in biomedical research has begun to bear fruit with a compelling array of new oral anti-cancer drugs that are less toxic, more effective and more cost-effective than existing therapies, but, because such drugs do not have an injectable equivalent, they are not covered by Medicare; and

Whereas, non-coverage of these important new products leaves many Medicare beneficiaries confronting the choice of either substantial out-of-pocket personal costs or selection of more toxic, less effective treatments that are covered by the program; and

Whereas, Medicare's failure to cover oral anti-cancer drugs leaves at risk many individuals suffering from blood-related cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, as well as cancers of the breast, lung, and prostate; and

Whereas, certain members of the United States Congress have recognized the necessity of Medicare coverage for all oral anti-cancer drugs and introduced legislation in the 107th Congress to achieve that result (H.R. 1624; S. 913):

Now, Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 141st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, That the Congress of the United States is hereby respectfully requested to enact legislation extending coverage under the Medicare program for oral as well as injected anticancer drugs, and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Delaware's congressional delegation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

POM-20. A resolution adopted by the City of Miami, State of Florida relative to Federal election monitoring; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

RESOLUTION No. 02-1014

Be It Resolved by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida:

Section 1. The City Attorney is directed to request the United States Department of Justice to monitor voting in the City of Miami at the November 5, 2002 election to assure the rights of individuals to vote.

Section 2. The City Commission states that the City of Miami does not allege fraud or misconduct, but seeks to assure the integrity of the United States' democratic system.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to President George W. Bush, Vice-President Richard B. Cheney, Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert, Senators Bill Nelson and Bob Graham, all the members of the United States House of Representatives for Miami-Dade County, the United States Department of Civil Rights, Governor Jeb Bush, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Mayor Alex Penelas, and Supervisor of Elections David Leahy.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be come effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the Township of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey relative to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-104

Whereas, on June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase "... one Nation under God . . ."; and

Whereas, from its very inception, references to the Deity and the Deity's importance to this nation have been included in our most sacred founding documents and political statements, from the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech, and through the current crises of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, THE PHRASE "... one nation under God . . ." has been an unchallenged and cherished part of the Pledge of Allegiance and has been a part of the fabric of Washington Township's Life; and

Whereas, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

Whereas, by the aforesaid phrase, the Founding Fathers were referring to the establishment of a supported church or religion as existed at that time in the several nations of Europe, and not to references to in communal ceremonies; and

Whereas, references to Deity in official government documents, speeches and mottoes, including the Pledge of Allegiance, have long been a long established tradition and manifestly do not constitute the meaning of "an establishment of religion" as intended by the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to enunciate the phrase in question, and as the controversy has the potential for reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and could directly impact the citizens of Washington Township; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of Americans and Washington Township residents, support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, and share our outrage, and no one is under any compulsion to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Warren County, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. This Committee condemns in the strongest terms possible this imprudent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;

2. That this decision is an egregious example of the arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts;

3. That the Committee urges all elected Warren County officials to effectuate whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision;

4. That all of the Washington Township schools be encouraged and urged to continue recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all their classes;

5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials both Federal and State;

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all the Board of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey and to all the Municipal Governing Bodies in the County of Warren,

urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions addressing this execrable decision;

7. That this Committee, in order to demonstrate its commitment to the principles expressed herein, hereby approves the posting of a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance including especially the phrase "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" in its Township Meeting Room.

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Borough of Moonachie, New Jersey relative to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-169

Whereas, on June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase "... one nation under God . . ."; and

Whereas, references to the Deity have been included in most sacred founding documents, speeches, mottoes, and political statements including the most recent crisis of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to express the phrase in question and has the potential to directly impact the citizens of Moonachie and the entire Bergen County; and

Whereas, the majority of Americans and Moonachie residents support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance and no one is required to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council object to the recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;

2. That this decision is an example of an arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts;

3. That the Mayor and Council urges all of our elected officials to take whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision;

4. That all of our schools be encouraged and urged to continue to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all of their classes;

5. That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all of our elected officials, both Federal and State;

6. That a copy of this resolution shall also be sent to all the Municipal Governing Bodies in the County of Bergen as well as the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, urging them to adopt and distribute a similar resolution.

POM-23. A resolution adopted by the Township of Oldmans, New Jersey relative to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-69

Whereas, on June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase "one Nation under God" and

Whereas, from its very inception, references to te deity and the Deity's importance to this nation have been included in our most sacred founding documents and political statements, from the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech, and through the current crises of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the phrase "one Nation under God" has been an unchallenged and cherished part of the Pledge of Allegiance and has been a part of the fabric of Oldmans Township life for almost 50 years; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights states Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion; and

Whereas, by the aforesaid phrase, the Founding Fathers were referring to the establishment of a state supported church or religion as existed at that time in the several nations of Europe, and not to references to God in communal ceremonies; and

Whereas, references to Deity in official government documents, speeches and mottoes, including the Pledge of Allegiance, have been a long established tradition and manifestly do not constitute the meaning of "an establishment of religion" as intended by the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to enunciate the phrase in question, and as the controversy has the potential for reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and could directly impact the citizens of Oldmans Township; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of Americans and Oldmans Township residents, support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, and share our outrage, and no one is under any compulsion to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Oldmans as follows:

1. The Oldmans Township Committee condemns in the strongest terms possible this imprudent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

2. That this decision is an egregious example of the arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts.

3. The Oldmans Township Committee urges all of our elected Salem County Officials to effectuate whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision.

4. That the Oldmans Township School be encouraged and urged to continue recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all their classes.

5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials, both federal and state.

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and to all the Municipal Governing Bodies in the County of Salem, urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions addressing this execrable decision.

7. The Oldsman Township Committee, in order to demonstrate its commitment to the principles expressed herein, hereby approves the posting of a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance including especially the phrase "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" in its Township Committee Meeting Room until December 21, 2002.

POM-24. A resolution adopted by the Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey relative to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-37

Whereas, on June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase “. . . one Nation under God . . .”; and

Whereas, from its very inception, references to the Deity and the Deity's importance to this nation have been included in our most sacred founding documents and political statements, from the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech, and through the current crises of September 11, 2001, and

Whereas, the phrase “. . . one Nation under God . . .” has been an unchallenged and cherished part of the Pledge of Allegiance and has been a part of the fabric of Elsinboro Township life for almost 50 years; and

Whereas, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

Whereas, by the aforesaid phrase, the Founding Fathers were referring to the establishment of a state supported church or religion as existed at that time in the several nations of Europe, and not to references to God in communal ceremonies; and

Whereas, references to Deity in official government documents, speeches and mottos, including the Pledge of Allegiance, have been a long established tradition and manifestly do not constitute the meaning of “an establishment of religion” as intended by the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to enunciate the phrase in question, and as the controversy has the potential for reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and could directly impact the citizens of Elsinboro Township; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of Americans and Elsinboro township residents, support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, and share our outrage, and no one is under any compulsion to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro as follows:

1. The Elsinboro Township Committee condemns in the strongest terms possible this imprudent decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

2. That this decision is an egregious example of the arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts.

3. The Elsinboro Township Committee urges all of our elected Salem County Officials to effectuate whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision.

4. That the Elsinboro Township School be encouraged and urged to continue recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all their classes.

5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials, both federal and state.

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and to all the Municipal Governing Bodies in the County of Salem, urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions addressing this execrable decision.

7. The Elsinboro Township Committee, in order to demonstrate its commitment to the principles expressed herein, hereby approves the posting of a copy of the Pledge of Alle-

giance including especially the phrase “ONE NATION UNDER GOD” in its Township Committee Meeting Room until December 31, 2002.

POM-25. A resolution adopted by the Borough of Butler, New Jersey relative to the phrase “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

RESOLUTION NO. R2002-119

Whereas, on June 26, 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase “. . . one nation under God . . .”; and

Whereas, from its very inception, references to the Deity and the Deity's importance to this nation have been included in our most sacred founding documents and political statements, from the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech, and through the current crises of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the phrase “. . . one nation under God . . .” has been an unchallenged and cherished part of the Pledge of Allegiance and has been a part of the fabric of Morris County life for almost 50 years; and

Whereas, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

Whereas, by the aforesaid phrase the Founding Fathers were referring to the establishment of a state supported church or religion as existed at that time in the several nations of Europe, and not to references to God in communal ceremonies; and

Whereas, references to the Deity in official government documents, speeches and mottos, including the Pledge of Allegiance, have been a long established tradition and manifestly do not constitute the meaning of “an establishment of religion” as intended by the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to enunciate the phrase in question, and as the controversy has the potential for reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and could directly impact the citizens of the Borough of Butler; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of Americans and Morris County residents, support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, and share our outrage, and no one is under any compulsion to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Major and Council of the Borough of Butler, New Jersey, as follows:

1. This Mayor and Council condemns in the strongest term possible, this imprudent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;

2. That this decision is an egregious example of an arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts;

3. That the Mayor and Council urges all of our elected Morris County officials to effectuate whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision;

4. That all of our Morris County schools be encouraged and urged to continue recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all their classes;

5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush; to the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials, both federal and state;

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all the other Municipal Governing Bodies in

the County of Morris, urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions addressing this execrable decision.

POM-26. A resolution adopted by the City of Buffalo, state of New York relative to Buffalo's CDBG allocation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 184

Whereas, HUD Assistant Secretary Roy Bernardi has informed Mayor Masiello that the City of Buffalo will be losing approximately \$1.825 million in CDBG funding in its 2003 allocation (#11, CCP 10/15/02--HUD CDBG Fiscal Year 2003 Allocation);

Whereas, According to Mr. Bernardi, this funding cut is mandated by HUD's funding formula, which is based on the 2000 census data of poverty, housing overcrowding and pre 1940 housing; and

Whereas, According to HUD's “CDBG Program Description”, CDBG funds may be used to “benefit persons of low and moderate income, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet other community development needs of particular urgency”;

Whereas, It defies logic and fact that the City of Buffalo should see a decrease in funding, given its ongoing devotion in the areas of poverty and housing; and

Whereas, As in other urban areas throughout the country, it is very likely that Buffalo suffered an undercount of both its population and level of poverty in the 2000 census; and

Whereas, Buffalo's need for CDBG funding exists in greater measure than ever before, and a cut at this time would be particularly egregious given the City's projected deficit of \$228 million for fiscal year 2003/04; and

Whereas, For the sake of Buffalo's impoverished communities, where hope is running short, it is imperative that our Congressional delegates work effectively and urgently to restore Buffalo's CDBG funding cut;

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved That:

This Common Council requests the WNY Congressional delegation to insure that the City of Buffalo's CDBG allocation for 2003 is restored to at least the 2002 level, whether by appealing flaws in the formula that mask Buffalo's need, or by building an alliance to increase total CDBG funding nationwide; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved That:

This Common Council requests the WNY Congressional delegation members to file a response to this request with the Council c/o the City Clerk, 1308 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202, as soon as possible, outlining any ways in which City officials and others can support their strategy to restore CDBG funding; and

Be It Finally Resolved That:

The City Clerk be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to Congress members Slaughter, Quinn, and LaFalce, Senator Schumer and Clinton, the Clerk of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, HUD Secretary Martinez and President Bush.

POM-27. A resolution adopted by the Michigan State Senate relative to the Hunting Heritage Protection Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 281

Whereas, Hunting is an activity that is enjoyed by millions of people across Michigan and our entire country. Unlike some recreational pursuits, however, hunting provides a direct link to the outdoors heritage of our nation and is a sport that is closely tied to the quality of our natural resources. The benefits of hunting extend far beyond economic considerations. This reality is especially appreciated by the people of Michigan; and

Whereas, Recreational hunting continues to be an important way people relate to the outdoors, even in our modern society. Hunters and hunting organizations are among the most dedicated supporters of sound wildlife management and conservation practices. Fees from licenses contribute to programs that maintain unique resources for future generations; and

Whereas, In an effort to perpetuate our country's hunting heritage, Congress has been considering legislation that would take steps to ensure that hunting remains a key part of wildlife management on federal lands. This legislation, the Hunting Heritage Protection Act, provides that federal lands will be open to hunting, with specific exceptions. Federal agencies with authority on public lands are to support and enhance hunting within applicable laws and regulations. The legislation includes provisions to ensure that there is no net loss of land available for hunting as future land decisions are made; and

Whereas, Michigan has a long history of respect for the role that sound wildlife management can play in preserving unique recreational resources. Our citizens have strongly supported moves to protect our woods, waters, and wildlife. Federal legislation to ensure that hunting remains part of our national heritage reflects the will of our state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Hunting Heritage Protection Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Michigan State Senate relative to funding for efforts to prevent the invasion of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 282

Whereas, Aquatic species from outside the Great Lakes that have become established here have significantly altered the ecology of this treasured freshwater resource. The lamprey, zebra mussel, and goby are the best known of these exotic invaders. The costs, from municipalities that have to maintain water systems to those who make their living on the lakes through recreation or other businesses, represent an enormous economic drain. Most importantly, these species can seriously upset the delicate balance of nature in ways we may not fully understand for decades; and

Whereas, Another invasion species is close to entering the Great Lakes. The Asian carp, a large, voracious fish imported to the Mississippi Valley region to clean certain vegetation and snails from commercial fish farming operations, has been making its way up the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal and is apparently getting close to Lake Michigan. Offices in the Great Lakes area and from the International Joint Commission have called for Congress to support measures to keep this threat out of the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, One of the strategies proposed to prevent the Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan is an electric dispersal barrier near Chicago. Congress has been considering appropriations that would provide for the United States Corps of Engineers to implement the dispersal barrier project. Delays in this effort jeopardize further the long-term health of the Great Lakes; Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to

provide funding for efforts to prevent the invasion of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and member of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-29. A resolution adopted by the City of Salem, New Jersey relative to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-150

Whereas, on June 26, 2002 the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional as it violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution because it includes the phrase "... one Nation under God . . ."; and

Whereas, from its very inception, references to the Deity and the Deity's importance to this nation have been included in our most sacred founding documents and political statements, from the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln's Second Inaugural Speech and through the current crises of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the phrase "... one Nation under God . . ." has been an unchallenged and cherished part of the Pledge of Allegiance and has been a part of the fabric of the City of Salem life for almost 50 years; and

Whereas, the First Amendment to the Bill of Rights states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion; and

Whereas, by the aforesaid phrase, the Founding Fathers were referring to the establishment of a state supported church or religion as existed at that time in the several nations of Europe, and not to references to God in communal ceremonies; and

Whereas, references to Deity in official government documents, speeches and mottos, including the Pledge of Allegiance, have been a long established tradition and manifestly do not constitute the meaning of "an establishment of religion" as intended by the Founding Fathers; and

Whereas, the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court violates this sacred right by forbidding citizens to enunciate the phrase in question, and as the controversy has the potential for reaching the U.S. Supreme Court and could directly impact the citizens of the City of Salem; and

Whereas, the overwhelming majority of Americans which includes the residents of the City of Salem, support the inclusion of this phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance, and share our outrage, and no one is under any compulsion to recite that portion of the Pledge of Allegiance under dispute should they wish to exclude it: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Common Council condemns in the strongest terms possible this imprudent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

2. That this decision is an egregious example of the arbitrary and unconstitutional abuse of powers by the Federal Courts.

3. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem urges all of our elected Salem County Officials to effectuate whatever actions may be necessary to nullify this decision.

4. That the Salem City School System be encouraged and urged to continue recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its current format in all their classes.

5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, the Vice-President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials both federal and state.

6. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders and to all the Municipal Governing bodies in the County of Salem, urging them to adopt and distribute similar resolutions addressing this execrable decision.

7. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Salem, in order to demonstrate its commitment to the principles expressed herein, hereby approves the posting of a copy of the Pledge of Allegiance including especially the phrase "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" in its Council Meeting Room until December 31, 2002.

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee, City of Eureka, State of California relative to the use of force against Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

A RESOLUTION

Whereas the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee is responsible for representing the values and interests of Democratic voters in Humboldt County;

Whereas members of the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee are publicly elected and constitute a diverse body of community leaders with demonstrated knowledge of civic issues and commitment to public service;

Whereas there are over 30,000 registered Democratic voters in Humboldt County, making the Democratic Party the largest civic organization on California's North Coast;

Whereas the possibility of war between the United States of America and the Republic of Iraq is a matter of great concern to Humboldt County Democrats;

Whereas the consequences of such a war could include the loss of American lives, the deaths of innocent Iraqi civilians, damage to United States diplomatic relations with countries throughout the Arab and Muslim world, diminished cooperative international efforts to reduce international terrorism, dangerously high global energy prices, and increased ethnic and religious violence in the Middle East;

Whereas a congressional authorization for the President to use force that would result in the overthrow of another government is tantamount to a declaration of war, a power constitutionally reserved to Congress, and one which cannot be deferred or delegated to the President;

Whereas embarking on such a war without broad international support and participation defies international laws and standards of decent, civilized behavior;

Whereas, the United States and the international community have not yet exhausted peaceful means to resolve the issues of Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions, which if successful, would provide knowledge about the true extent of potential threats posed by Iraq;

Whereas the Administration has failed to justify the human and financial cost of attacking Iraq, which must be based on either an objectively imminent threat posed by Iraq or a preeminent role that Iraq plays in supporting terrorism;

Whereas the use of force by the United States against another government under these circumstances undermines the democratic principles of this great republic to uphold justice, liberty and human rights;

Whereas the sudden and relentless emphasis on this issue by the Republican Party,

the President and his administration just before a critical national election diverts public attention away from other vitally important issues including corporate fraud, the growing national debt, health care reforms and preserving Social Security: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee hereby opposes the preemptive use of force or a Congressional resolution authorizing such a use of force against Iraq or any sovereign nation without independently verified evidence of an imminent threat, due consideration of the short- and long-term consequences noted above, and the exhaustion of all peaceful means to remedy the situation; be it further

Resolved, That the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee calls upon the President and his administration to fully participate in international collaborative efforts to peacefully ensure Iraqi compliance with United Nations resolutions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee calls upon our elected officials to pursue domestic policies that reduce our dependence on energy imports and support foreign policies that consistently respect and support human rights, national sovereignty, and international efforts to reduce poverty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to our elected officials, the local media and civic organizations.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the City of Miami, State of Florida relative to human rights violations in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-860

Whereas, the abuse of women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan and other countries under the leadership of fundamentalist regimes has been well documented by nations, international human rights organizations and the media, particularly since the take-over of Afghanistan by the Taliban; and

Whereas, these women and children continue to suffer from the deprivation and violation of their civil and human rights and be subjected to violence, repression and abuse; and

Whereas, the City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women has set out in its Position Statement/Paper its condemnation of the treatment of women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan; and

Whereas, the City Commission wishes to strongly urge the government of the United States, and any other nations or authorities responsible for the status and treatment of women, to review the Position Statement/Paper of the City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The United States government and any other nations or authorities responsible for the status and treatment of women are strongly urged to review the Position Statement/Paper of the City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women which condemns the treatment of women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to President George W. Bush, Vice-President Richard B. Cheney, Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert, Senators Bob Graham and Bill Nelson, all members of the United States House of Representatives for Miami-Dade County,

the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Justice, the United Nations High Commissioner, and all Consulate Generals based in the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.

CITY OF MIAMI COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN POSITION PAPER CONDEMNING THE TREATMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

The abuse of women in Afghanistan and Pakistan and other countries under the leadership of fundamentalist regimes has been documented for several years, particularly since the take-over of Afghanistan by the Taliban.

Prior to the takeover by the Taliban in 1996, women throughout Afghanistan enjoyed some degree of freedom. The Taliban institutionalized the sort of discrimination the entire world has now soundly condemned. Women comprised some 70% of school teachers, 50% of civilian workers, and 40% of doctors in Kabul.

Women have been banished to a bare existence, denied most schooling, adequate medical care, and any means to support themselves. It is estimated that the illiteracy rate among women is now 90%. Many women and children have died seeking medical care of any sort. It is also estimated by international organizations that there exist some 40,000 widows in Afghanistan. Though exempt from some of the edicts of the past government, they have been left with few means to support and feed themselves and their children.

Women and their male supporters have been publicly beaten and frequently killed by the "Religious Police" in their attempts to enforce their version of the law.

Many women have continued to pursue education and medicine in secret, teaching in secret home schools, and doctors have had to practice medicine under extreme restrictions as to their dress and the patients they may treat.

A recent article in the Miami Herald declared that in spite of the "loya jirga" (or "grand council" that was in progress in Afghanistan to choose the country's current and future leaders, in practice, women who speak out and fail to wear the traditional clothing mandated in the past, are still prime targets of the local warlords and their followers and are thus unable to fully participate in the rebuilding process. Recently, a relief agency trucking supplies into the mountains was stopped and a female relief worker raped by the "soldiers." Many of the warlords who control the areas of worst abuse are the same warlords who are participating in the "loya jirga" and have obtained positions of authority in the new government. Women who are working for progress and healing are subject to retribution at all levels.

In Pakistan and India, women have also historically been subject to repression and laws which treat them as less than property.

1. The United States government must come out even more strongly in support of women and children in Afghanistan and Pakistan and the Non-Governmental Organizations that strive to support them.

2. In spite of the passage of the Afghanistan Women and Children Relief Act of 2001 by Congress, more funding and more support must be forthcoming. The United States was the driving force behind the liberation of the countries in question from extremist rule, and must be the leading force assisting in the remediation of these atrocities.

3. The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan should be encouraged to clearly

and publicly condemn all acts of violence against women. They should develop and implement policies and disseminate materials to promote women's safety in the community and in detention.

4. The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan should prohibit all acts of violence against women and establish legal protection. They should review existing laws such as the "Hudood Ordinance" (which criminalizes extra-marital sex, including adultery, fornication and rape outside of a valid marriage) and add additional protections and penalties.

5. The governments of Afghanistan and Pakistan must investigate all allegations of violence against women and prosecute and punish those found to be responsible.

6. In Afghanistan, women must be reintroduced into open society with all the protections we in the West enjoy. Women doctors must be allowed to go back to work. Women teachers must be allowed to teach and schools must be allowed past the 8th grade.

7. Women must be made equal citizens as far as enlightened religious practice allows. Prior regimes in Afghanistan allowed women great latitude in society. That must be restored.

8. The United States must fully support all United Nations efforts to end all forms of discrimination against women, and monitor these efforts on an ongoing basis and report to the people of the United States on progress achieved.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the City of Belvedere State of New Jersey relative to supporting Israel in the campaign against terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the United States of America was struck by suicide terrorists on September 11, 2001, in attacks that killed thousands of U.S. citizens, destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City, damaged the Pentagon, and purposefully incinerated four commercial aircraft by turning those planes into suicide missiles; and

Whereas, the government of the United States and the military of this country are currently involved in an international and domestic effort of historic proportions to curb terrorism against this country and assist our friends and allies who are engaged in similar efforts; and

Whereas, the State of Israel, the closest ally of the United States in the Mideast and the only democratic nation in that region, has experienced a brutal spate of suicide terrorist attacks against civilizations in the last year by groups sponsored or given safe harbor by the Palestinian Authority and its Chairman, Yasser Arafat, and substantially assisted by our nations in the region such as Iraq and Iran; and

Whereas, an attack against the civilian population by terrorists of one country is an attack on civilizations in all countries and the increased use of suicide bombers is a new form of terrorism that threatens civilians everywhere; and

Whereas, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders laments the tragic loss of life experience by the Israeli people during the recent hostilities in the Mideast: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders:

That the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the citizens of Warren County stands behind those efforts of our President that support the government and people of Israel in this time of crisis in the Mideast.

That the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the citizens of Warren County supports the State of Israel and

her citizens in the campaign against terror and in the effort to root out the terrorist infrastructure currently protected by and encouraged by the Palestinian Authority and other nations in the region still at war with the State of Israel.

That the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the citizens of Warren County call upon all Arab nations committed to and desirous of peace to take action by: abstaining from monetarily rewarding attacks on innocent citizens; encouraging accountability in the peace process by facilitating the establishment of democratic institutions of government in the Palestinian Authority to insure enforcement of peace if and when it is brokered; halting the use of state media and state education systems to foment religious hatred and anti-Semitism; and encouraging the Palestinian Authority to place in leadership people capable and willing to negotiate and consummate a permanent peace accord.

That the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders on behalf of the citizens of Warren County urges our President and our Congress to support the State of Israel in its effort to live in peace and security, minimize to the greatest extent loss to innocents and to withstand pressure from those who would appease or accommodate terrorism in any form or at any place.

That a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. Bush, to the Vice President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, and to all our elected officials, both federal and state.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GREGG for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Celeste Colgan, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Jewel Spears Brooker, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Stephen McKnight, of Florida to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Sidney McPhee, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Lawrence Okamura, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Marguerite Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Stephen Thernstrom, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*David Hertz, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

*Terry L. Maple, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2005.

*Phyllis C. Hunter, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of two years.

*Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of three years.

*Douglas Carnine, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of three years.

*Stanley C. Suboleski, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2006.

*W. Scott Railton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 2, 2007.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

*Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary for Border and Transportation, Department of Homeland Security.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it 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 and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 205. A bill to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 206. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of incentive stock options and employee stock purchase plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 10-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 208. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a plan to provide security for cargo entering the United States or being transported in intrastate or interstate commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 209. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 210. A bill to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 211. A bill to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 212. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 213. A bill to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 214. A bill to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 215. A bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 216. A bill to authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to develop improvements in building and fire codes, standards, and practices to reduce the impact of terrorist and other extreme threats to the safety of buildings, their occupants, and emergency responders, and to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to form a task force to recommend ways to strengthen standards in the private security industry, stabilize the workforce, and create a safer environment for commercial building and industrial facility occupants; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 217. A bill to reinstate felony penalties for licensed gun dealers who fail to maintain records of sales; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 218. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DODD, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 25. A resolution designating January 2003 as "National Mentoring Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.