

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 2828. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2678. A bill to ensure that Members of Congress do not receive better prescription drug benefits than medicare beneficiaries.

S. 2679. A bill to strengthen anti-terrorism investigative tools, promote information sharing, punish terrorist offenses, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 16, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 15. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 108-10 Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Exec. Rept. No. 108-14)]

TEXT OF COMMITTEE-REPORTED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION TO THE TREATY

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT SUBJECT TO DECLARATIONS.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the "Convention") and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (hereafter in this resolution

referred to as the "Protocol"), concluded at Cape Town, South Africa, November 16, 2001 (T. Doc. 108-10), subject to the declarations of section 2 and section 3.

SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONVENTION

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations relative to the Convention:

(1) Pursuant to Article 39 of the Convention—

(A) all categories of non-consensual rights or interests which under United States law have and will in the future have priority over an interest in an object equivalent to that of the holder of a registered international interest shall to that extent have priority over a registered international interest, whether in or outside insolvency proceedings; and

(B) nothing in the Convention shall affect the right of the United States or that of any entity thereof, any intergovernmental organization in which the United States is a member State, or other private provider of public services in the United States to arrest or detain an aircraft object under United States law for payment of amounts owed to any such entity, organization, or provider directly relating to the services provided by it in respect of that object or another object.

(2) Pursuant to Article 54 of the Convention, all remedies available to the creditor under the Convention or Protocol which are not expressed under the relevant provision thereof to require application to the court may be exercised, in accordance with United States law, without leave of the court.

SEC. 3. DECLARATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROTOCOL

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations relative to the Protocol:

(1) Pursuant to Article XXX of the Protocol—

(A) the United States will apply Article VIII of the Protocol;

(B) the United States will apply Article XII of the Protocol; and

(C) the United States will apply Article XIII of the Protocol.

(2)(A) Pursuant to Article XIX of the Protocol—

(i) the Federal Aviation Administration, acting through its Aircraft Registry, FAA Aeronautical Center, 6400 South MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125, shall be the entry point at which information required for registration in respect of airframes or helicopters pertaining to civil aircraft of the United States or aircraft to become a civil aircraft of the United States shall be transmitted, and in respect of aircraft engines may be transmitted, to the International Registry; and

(ii) the requirements of chapter 441 of title 49, United States Code, and part 49 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be fully complied with before such information is transmitted at the Federal Aviation Administration to the International Registry.

(B) For purposes of the designation in subparagraph (A)(i) and the requirements in subparagraph (A)(ii), information is transmitted at the Federal Aviation Administration in accordance with procedures established under United States law.

(C) In this paragraph, the term "civil aircraft of the United States" has the meaning given that term in section 40102(17) of title 49, United States Code.

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. DAYTON:

S. 2678. A bill to ensure that Members of Congress do not receive better prescription drug benefits than medicare beneficiaries; read the first time.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 2679. A bill to strengthen anti-terrorism investigative tools, promote information sharing, punish terrorist offenses, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 2680. A bill to provide for certain financial reporting requirements to apply to certain small executive branch agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2681. A bill to establish a program to support a transition to democracy in Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 2682. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 222 West 8th Street, Durango, Colorado, as the "Ben Nighthorse Campbell Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1801

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1801, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic and sexual violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2280

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2280, a bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 2382

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2382, a bill to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

S. 2411

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2411, a bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health and safety of firefighters, promote the use of life saving technologies, achieve greater equity for departments serving large jurisdictions, and for other purposes.