

helped propel us into the Information Age; and

Whereas, While other countries continue to offer tax incentives and subsidies to businesses competing with United States companies, it is important that Congress continue to encourage investment in innovative technologies; and

Whereas, The structure of the research and development tax credit ensures that companies that benefit from the credit will continue to increase their research and development spending from year to year and also continue to add high-paying American jobs; 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 memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to permanently extend the research and tax credit, as proposed in H.R. 2819; 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 joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, The Republic of Cyprus has been illegally divided and occupied by Turkish forces since 1974 in violation of United Nations resolutions; and

Whereas, The international community and the United States government have repeatedly called for the speedy withdrawal of all foreign troops from the territory of Cyprus; and

Whereas, There are internationally acceptable means to resolve the situation in Cyprus, including the proposal for the demilitarization of Cyprus and the establishment of a multinational force to ensure the security of both the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus, which has been endorsed by the international community including the United States government; and

Whereas, It is recognized that the prospect of Cyprus accession to the European Union will serve as a catalyst for resolving the situation in Cyprus; and

Whereas, A peaceful, just, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem would greatly benefit the security and the political, economic, and social well-being of all Cypriots, as well as contribute to improved relations between Greece and Turkey; and

Whereas, The United Nations has repeatedly stated the parameters for such a solution, most recently in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092, adopted on December 23, 1996, with United States support; and

Whereas, In spite of unsuccessful high level meetings in 1997 and the United States led mediation efforts in May 1998, the situation has led to a stalemate in the efforts of the international community to reach a Cyprus settlement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the solution of the situation in Cyprus must be based on the parameters and principles set forth in House Concurrent Resolution No. 81 and Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41 both of the 105th Congress and the aforementioned United Nations Security Council Resolution 1092, regarding the situation in Cyprus; and be it further

Resolved, That the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, call the United States to continue their active support in finding a just, viable, and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem within the United Nations framework and according to the said parameters; 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 United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 254. A bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 255. A bill to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in payments for home health services provided under the medicare program, and to improve the quality of those home health services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 256. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the use of universal product numbers on claims forms submitted for reimbursement under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 257. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 258. A bill to authorize additional rounds of base closures and realignments under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 in 2001 and 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 259. A bill to increase the role of the Secretary of Transportation in administering section 901 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 260. A bill to make chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 261. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 262. A bill to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 263. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Personal Retirement Accounts Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 264. A bill to increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for Hawaii to 59.8 percent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 265. A bill entitled "Hospital Length of Stay Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 266. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gasoline in certain areas within the State; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 267. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to give highest priority to petroleum contaminants in drinking water in issuing corrective action orders under the response program for petroleum; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 268. A bill to specify the effective date of and require an amendment to the final rule of the Environmental Protection Agency regulating exhaust emissions from new spark-ignition gasoline marine engines; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MACK, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. Res. 26. A resolution relating to Taiwan's Participation in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. Res. 27. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Con. Res. 2. A concurrent resolution recommending the integration of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 254. A bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes; read the first time.