

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals, Fiscal Year 2000" (Rept. No. 106-101).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 335: A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-102).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 468: A bill to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public (Rept. No. 106-103).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 59: A bill designating both July 2, 1999, and July 2, 2000, as "National Literacy Day".

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 467: A bill to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1257: A bill to amend statutory damages provisions of title 17, United States Code.

S. 1258: A bill to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1259: A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1260: A bill to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Jeffrey Rush, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice David C. Williams.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that

they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Robert A. Katzmann, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

T. John Ward, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. HOLLINGS:

S. 1312. A bill to ensure full and expeditious enforcement of the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 that seek to bring about competition in local telecommunications markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1313. A bill to enable the State of Rhode Island to meet the criteria for recommendation as an Area of Application to the Boston-Worcester-Lawrence; Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Connecticut Federal locality pay area; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1314. A bill to establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1315. A bill to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1316. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that any amount allowable as a child tax credit under section 24 or an earned income credit under section 32 shall not be treated as income for purposes of any means-tested Federal program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1317. A bill to reauthorize the Welfare-To-Work program to provide additional resources and flexibility to improve the administration of the program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1318. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to award

grants to States to supplement State and local assistance for the preservation and promotion of affordable housing opportunities for low-income families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1319. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to renew project-based contracts for assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 at up to market rent levels, in order to preserve these projects as affordable low-income housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1320. A bill to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1321. A bill to amend title III of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to limit the effects of domestic violence on the lives of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1322. A bill to prohibit health insurance and employment discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of predictive genetic information or genetic services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1323. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that certain Federal power customers are provided protection by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1324. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 1325. A bill to amend the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 to add Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Perry, and Wayne Counties, Tennessee, to the Appalachian region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 1326. A bill to eliminate certain benefits for Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERREY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1327. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1328. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax information by the Secretary of the Treasury to facilitate combined Federal

and State employment tax reporting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1329. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1330. A bill to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 1331. A bill to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KERREY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1332. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Father Theodore M. Hesburg, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights, higher education, the Catholic Church, the Nation, and the global community; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1333. A bill to expand homeownership in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1334. A bill to amend chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 1335. A bill entitled the "Military Retiree Health Care Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 1336. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to promote home ownership among low-income individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1337. A bill to provide for the placement of anti-drug messages on appropriate Internet sites controlled by NASA; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (by request):

S. 1338. A bill entitled the "Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1339. A bill to provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1340. A bill to redesignate the "Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center" as the "Harry K. Dupree Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center"; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr.

REID, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MACK, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1341. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the applicability of section 179 which permits the expensing of certain depreciable assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1342. A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1343. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest land to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 132. A resolution designating the week beginning January 21, 2001, as "Zinfandel Grape Appreciation Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 133. A resolution supporting religious tolerance toward Muslims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. Res. 134. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Joseph Jefferson "Shoeless Joe" Jackson should be appropriately honored for his outstanding baseball accomplishments; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 135. A resolution calling for the immediate release of the three humanitarian workers in Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. Res. 136. A resolution condemning the acts of arson at the three Sacramento, California, area synagogues on June 18, 1999, and calling on all Americans to categorically reject crimes of hate and intolerance; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1312. A bill to ensure full and expeditious enforcement of the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 that seek to bring about competition in

local telecommunications markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce, S. 1312, the Telecommunications Competition Enforcement Act of 1999.

The United States has a telecommunications system that is unequalled. We have worked hard to ensure that consumers in all parts of the country have access to this system and enjoy services at an affordable price. Therefore, when the Bell companies asked us to allow them to enter the long distance market, it was with great caution that we began to develop policies that would change the existing framework. We did not want to jeopardize existing service as we phased in competition into local markets and allowed local phone companies to enter the long distance market.

Bell companies worked with Congress to create the fourteen point checklist and they celebrated the passage of the 1996 Act. They then filed applications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enter the long distance market. However, the FCC found that the Bell companies had not opened their local markets to competition, and therefore, under the 1996 Act, could not enter the long distance market. Once the Bell companies realized that they were not going to get into the long distance market before they complied with the 1996 Act, they began a strategy of litigation to delay competition into their local markets and hold on to their monopolies. They appealed the FCC's decisions to the Court of Appeals and challenged the constitutionality of the Act taking their case to the Supreme Court. Having lost in those forums they have now come to Congress seeking changes to the Act that only three years ago they championed. As a result bills have been introduced in the Senate and the House that significantly amend the 1996 Act, harm competition in the local markets, and slow the delivery of advanced, affordable services to consumers.

Therefore, I introduce this legislation as part of a continuing effort to promote competition in the local telecommunications markets. I am frustrated by the broken promises of the Bell companies given that not a single Bell company has adequately opened its local phone market to competition since the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. According to wall street analysts, as of the end of last year new entrants had only 2.5 percent of all access lines while Bell companies and incumbent local exchange carriers continued to control over 97 percent of those lines into the home.

Three years ago when we passed the 1996 Act, Bell companies proclaimed