As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking an Financial Services, for consideration of title IV of the Senate bill, and title IV of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. Waters, Mrs. Maloney of New York, Mr. Gutierrez, and Mr. Bentsen.

As additional conferees from the Committee on Banking an Financial Services, for consideration of section 304 of the Senate bill, and title V of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Frank of Massachusetts, Mr. Kanjorski, Ms. Waters, and Mr. Ackerman.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Gekas, and Mr. Conyers.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1501) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

Mr. Hyde, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Coble of Texas, Mr. Canady of Florida, Mr. Barr of Georgia, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Frank of Massachusetts, Mr. Scott, Mr. Berman, and Ms. Lofgren.

Provided, That Ms. Jackson-Lee of Texas is appointed in lieu of Mr. Frank of Massachusetts for consideration of sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI, and IX of the Senate amendment.

Provided further, That Mr. Meehan is appointed in lieu of Mr. Berman for consideration of titles V, VI, and IX of the Senate amendment.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment (except sections 741, 1501, 1505, 1534–35, and titles V, VI, and IX), and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Goodling, Mr. Petri, Mr. Castle, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Clay, Mr. Kildee, and Mrs. McCarthy of New York.

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of sections 1365 and 1401–03 of the House bill, and sections 1504, 1515, and 1523 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Bliley and Mr. Dingell.

Provided, That Mr. Bilirakis is appointed for consideration of section 1365 of the House bill and section 1523 of the Senate amendment.

Provided further, That Mr. Tauzin is appointed for consideration of sections 1401–03 of the House bill and sections 1504 and 1515 of the Senate amendment.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4448. A communication from the Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule to List Nine Evolutionary Significant Units of Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha), Sockeye Salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka), and Steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss), as Threatened or Endangered”, received June 16, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4449. A communication from the Chair, National Women’s Business Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The 1999 NBWC Best Practices Guide: Contracting with Women”; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-4450. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to vouchers for extremely low-income elderly families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4451. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to technical and conforming amendments to the National Model Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4452. A communication from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the security of dams, facilities and resources under the jurisdiction of the Bureau; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4453. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Acquisition Regulation; Corrective Performance Indicators” (FRL #6409-6), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4454. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality Index Reporting” (FRL #6409-7), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4455. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Sources: Washington” (FRL #6409-6), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4456. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “OMB Approvals Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Technical Amendment” (FRL #6409-2), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4457. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, and the designation of an Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4458. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the resignation of the Under Secretary for Technology, and the designation of an Acting Under Secretary; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4459. A communication from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the resignation of the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4460. A communication from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to cigarette labeling and advertising for 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4461. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives: SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes; request for Comments” (FRL #6408-6), received July 27, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4462. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled


EC-4486. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Grants to Com- munities Against Violence on Campuses’’ (RIN1121-AA99) (OJP (OJJF)– 12060), received July 23, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4488. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Unclassified Foreign Visits and Assignments’’ (342.1), received July 26, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4489. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled ‘‘Document of Energy Employee Concerns Program’’ (O 442.1 and G 442.1–1), received July 26, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4490. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Management and Administration of Radiation Protection Programs Guide’’ (DOE G 441.1–1), received July 26, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4491. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ‘‘Occupational ALARA Program Guide’’ (G 441.1–2), received July 26, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4492. A communication from the Acting Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Forest Service for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were referred to the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-280. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah relative to state-negotiated compliance actions related to the Western Governors Association, Region VIII; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor, concerning the therein; v

Whereas, protection of public health and the environment are among the highest priorities of state governments;

Whereas, provided by statute for the delegation of certain federal program responsibilities to the states;

Whereas, to obtain delegation of federal environmental programs, states have demonstrated that it has adopted laws, regulations, and policies as stringent as federal laws, regulations, and policies;

Whereas, over the past 25 years, the states have developed and demonstrated expertise in operation of federal environmental programs enabling states to obtain and maintain the delegations;

Whereas, the state of Utah, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota constitute an area designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as Region VIII;

Whereas, the states in Region VIII make compliance with environmental laws, rules, and permits the highest priority;

Whereas, the state of Utah has full delegation in all federal environmental programs;

Whereas, the EPA and the states have bi-laterally developed over the past 25 years policy agreements which reflect roles and which recognize that the primary responsibility for enforcement and compliance resides with the EPA, taking enforcement action principally when the state requests assistance or is unwilling or unable to take timely and appropriate enforcement action;

Whereas, inconsistent with these policy agreements, the EPA has conducted direct federal inspections within programs delegated to the states, has taken direct enforce- ment actions, has levied fines and penalties against regulated entities in cases where the state previously took appropriate action consistent with the agreements to achieve compliance, and has failed to notify the states in advance of their action;

Whereas, the EPA had begun to use its enforcement authority in cases where the state had worked with the regulated entity to achieve compliance, and the overfiling by the EPA accomplished no further protection of the public health or environment but only imposed an additional penalty on the regulated entity;

Whereas, the EPA’s current enforcement practices and actions have taken direct enforcement actions, significantly weaken the state’s ability to take compliance actions and resolve environmental violations;

Whereas, the EPA’s enforcement practices and policies have had an adverse impact on working relationships between the EPA and states;

Whereas, the EPA’s reliance on the threat of enforcement action to force compliance may not result in environmental protection, but rather may result in delay and litigation, cripple incentives for technological innovation and provoke animosity between government, industry, and the public; and

Whereas, the Western Governors’ Association has adopted “Principles of Environmental Protection in the West,” which encourages collaboration not polarization, advocates the replacement of command and control with economic incentives and rewarding results and encourages the weighing of costs against benefits in environmental decisions;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor, concerning the therein; v

Be it further Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor request the Congress of the United States to investigate EPA enforcement activities and require the EPA to defer to state enforcement and compliance actions in delegated states where the actions achieve compliance and are protective of health and the environment.

Be it further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Utah congressional delegation, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Assistant Administrator of the U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance, the Regional Administrator of the U.S. EPA Region VIII, the National Governor’s Association, the National Council of State Legislators, the Council of State Governments, the Western Governor’s Association, and the Environmental Council of the States.

POM-281. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah relative to the participation of the State of Utah in international health cooperation and its benefits.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Whereas, good health is a basic right for every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to help guarantee this right;

Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forms and programs is therefore crucial, especially with today’s greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases through increased trade and travel;

Whereas, the World Health Organization set in the first Global Health Summit the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people;

Whereas, in 1977 the World Health Organization published “Health for All” for all by the year 2000” as its overriding priority and reaffirmed that central vision with the initiation of its “Health for All” renewal process in 1996;

Whereas, Taiwan’s population of 21 million people is larger than that of % of the member states already in the World Health Organization and shares the noble goals of the organization;

Whereas, Taiwan’s achievements in the field of public health are among the highest in the world, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, the first country in the world to provide children with hepatitis B immunization.

Whereas, prior to 1972 and its loss of membership in the World Health Organization, Taiwan sent specialists to serve in other countries and its health experts held key positions in the organization, all to the benefit of the entire Pacific region;

Whereas, Taiwan is long overdue to participate in may World Health Organization-organized forums and workshops concerning the