

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the state for these agencies to use materials that are not detrimental to our wildlife, domestic animals, and plant species; and

Whereas, California-grown rice straw is produced in an aquatic environment and cannot coexist with the yellow star thistle and other terrestrial noxious weeds of concern; 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 all government agencies, particularly the United States Forest Service, the United States Bureau of Land Management, CALTRANS, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to abstain from using nonnative plant material and encourage the use of weed-free straw or California-grown rice straw in any of their programs within California; 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, each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, the United States Forest Service, and the United States Bureau of Land Management, and to the Director of Transportation, the Director of Fish and Game, and the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection.

POM-340. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to cold storms in California; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Whereas, the cold storms and consequent frost damage that occurred in this state during December 1998 have affected virtually every geographic area of the state; and

Whereas, small businesses and farming entities have suffered actual physical damage and significant economic losses; and

Whereas, the residents of this state have suffered substantial losses as a result of the cold storms and frost damage and have financial and practical needs equal to or greater than other areas that have been declared as federal natural disaster areas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the legislature of the State of California hereby respectfully memorializes the President of the United States to declare the affected portions of California as a federal natural disaster areas as a result of the cold storms and consequent frost damage that occurred in December 1998; and be it further

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 5, 1999, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 27, 1999:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 457: A bill to amend 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 (Rept. No. 106-143).

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

S. 28: A bill to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-144).

S. 400: A bill to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-145).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with amendments:

S. 1346: A bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration (Rept. No. 106-146).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business:

Special Report entitled "Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 105th Congress" (Rept. No. 106-147).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 299. A bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-148).

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

S. 401. A bill to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-149).

S. 613. A bill to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-150).

S. 614. A bill to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands (Rept. No. 106-151).

S. 406. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations (Rept. No. 106-152).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with amendments:

S. 1156. A bill to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-153).

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. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 1566. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey certain land to the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. 1567. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1568. A bill imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1569. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1570. A bill to amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote identification of children eligible for benefits under, and enrollment of children in, the medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to FALN terrorists; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 179. A resolution designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. Con. Res. 55. A concurrent resolution establishing objectives for the next round of multilateral trade negotiations; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND):

S. 1566. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey certain land to the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

THE ST. SIMONS LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that guarantees the future of a great historic treasure in my state. For nearly