

1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1743. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR" (Docket 13-98-030) received on February 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1744. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security/Safety Zone Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR" (Docket 13-98-031) received on February 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1745. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Vice President Gore's Visit to Seattle, Washington" (Docket 13-98-032) received on February 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1746. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone Regulations, Commencement Bay, Tacoma, Washington" (Docket 13-98-033) received on February 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1747. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Neptune Festival Fireworks Display, Atlantic Ocean, Virginia Beach, VA" (Docket 13-98-086) received on February 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

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

Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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. BINGAMAN:

S. 397. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 398. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Native American history and culture;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 399. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 401. A bill to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 402. A bill for the relief of Alfredo Tolentino of Honolulu, Hawaii; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 403. A bill to prohibit implementation of "Know Your Customer" regulations by the Federal banking agencies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 404. A bill to prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization in law; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 405. A bill to prohibit the operation of civil supersonic transport aircraft to or from airports in the United States under certain circumstances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. INOUE):

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; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 407. A bill to reduce gun trafficking by prohibiting bulk purchases of handguns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRYAN:

S. 408. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. REID, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 409. A bill to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and for other purposes; to

the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that assistance should be provided to pork producers to alleviate economic conditions faced by the producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 397. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

NATIONAL MATERIALS CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce the "National Materials Corridor Partnership Act of 1999." This bill will establish a comprehensive, multiagency program, led by the Department of Energy, to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the U.S.-Mexican border through the research, development, and use of new materials technology. I am also pleased to say that I developed this bill with Congressman GEORGE BROWN, the ranking member of the House Science Committee, who will introduce it in the House of Representatives.

As many of you are aware, NAFTA and the globalization of our economy have created a surge of economic growth all along the 2000 mile U.S.-Mexican border. The border region has become a major center for manufacturing and assembly in many industries, such as microelectronics and automobile parts, as well as a center for many materials industries, such as metals and plastics. However, with this economic growth have come serious problems. Pollution, hazardous wastes, and the inefficient use of resources threaten people's health and the prospects for long term economic growth. For example, there are numerous "non-attainment" regions for carbon monoxide and ozone along the border. If you've been down to the El Paso area, where New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico come together, your eyes and nose will tell you something's not as it should be.