

REPORT CONCERNING THE EMIGRATION LAWS AND POLICIES OF MONGOLIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 8

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

On September 4, 1996, I determined and reported to the Congress that Mongolia was not in violation of the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402(a) and 409(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. This action allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations status for Mongolia and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia. The report indicates continued Mongolian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 11, 1999.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:07 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 169. An act to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to expand the pilot investigation for the collection of information regarding prices paid for the procurement of cattle and sheep for slaughter and of muscle cuts of beef and lamb to include swine and muscle cuts of swine.

H.R. 433. An act to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

H.R. 435. An act to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade law, and for other purposes

H.R. 439. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small business, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies.

H.R. 440. An act to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution authorizing flags located in the Capitol complex to be flown at half-staff in memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2002.

(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.)

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I also report favorably three nomination lists in the Coast Guard which were printed in full in the RECORD of February 3, 1999, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORD of February 3, 1999, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Coast Guard nomination of George W. Molessa, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of February 3, 1999

In the Coast Guard nominations beginning James W. Kelly, and ending John J. Santucci, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of February 3, 1999

In the Coast Guard nominations beginning James E. Malene, and ending Steve M. Wischmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of February 3, 1999

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. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 410. A bill to provide for offsetting tax cuts whenever there is an elimination of a discretionary spending program; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 411. A bill to provide for a process to authorize the use of clone pagers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 412. A bill to reform criminal procedure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 413. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to insert a general provision for criminal attempt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MACK, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 414. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 415. A bill to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 416. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 417. A bill to amend title 28 of the United States Code to bar any civil trial involving the President until after the President vacates office, but to allow for sealed discovery during the time the President is in office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 418. A bill for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 419. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking a child hostage in order to evade arrest; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 420. A bill to provide a mandatory minimum sentence for State crimes involving the use of a firearm, impose work requirements for prisoners, and prohibit the provision of luxury items to prisoners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL (by request):

S. 421. A bill to approve a mutual settlement of the Water Rights of the Gila River Indian Community and the United States, on behalf of the Community and the Allottees, and Phelps Dodge Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 422. A bill to provide for Alaska state jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 423. A bill to prohibit certain Federal payments for certain methadone maintenance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 424. A bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individuals and employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. KERREY):