

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; City of Augusta, GA (CGD07-99-068)" (RIN2115-AE46) (1999-0042), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6222. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Sciame Construction Fireworks, East River, Manhattan, NY (CGD01-99-181)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0068), received November 4, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6223. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; All Coast Guard and Navy Vessels Involved in Evidence Transport, Narragansett Bay, Davisville, RI (CGD01-99-185)" (RIN2115-AA97) (1999-0069), received November 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6224. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels (USCG-1999-6224)" (RIN2115-AF23) (1999-0001), received November 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6225. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Areas; Strait of Juan de Fuca and Adjacent Waters of Washington; Makah Whale Hunting (CGD-13-98-023)" (RIN2115-AE84) (1999-0004), received November 15, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6226. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period April 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999; ordered to lie on the table.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

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

POM-372. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to tobacco subsidies and food-producing agricultural activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Whereas, For many years, even as our country has wrestled with the costly and harmful effects of tobacco use, Americans have provided financial support for tobacco farming through federal tobacco subsidies. These subsidies include money spent for tobacco crop insurance and price support, in addition to inspection and grading services. While changes in federal agricultural programs and law have significantly reduced money going to tobacco farming and related activities, federal dollars continue to be spent on an endeavor that is harmful to our citizens; and

Whereas, One of the greatest challenges facing humanity in any age is the production of food of sufficient quantity and quality to meet ever-rising needs. Investments in the process of raising crops are among the most important commitments we can make to future generations. Subsidies for food production, research, and marketing hold the potential to touch every citizen in a positive fashion; and

Whereas, With the recent settlement among the states and the tobacco industry, the enormity of the cost tobacco exacts on our society is clear. Any money going to support any aspect of this activity would be far better spent elsewhere; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to end tobacco subsidies and to redirect this support to food-producing agricultural activities; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

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

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1877) to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Rept. No. 106-223).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH for the Committee on Finance:

Deanna Tanner Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring June 16, 2008.

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

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Kermit Bye, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Thomas L. Ambro, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

George B. Daniels, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Joel A. Pisano, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

(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. CRAIG:

S. 1937. A bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conserva-

tion Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1938. A bill to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1939. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for dry cleaning equipment which uses reduced amounts of hazardous substances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1940. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1941. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1942. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish grant programs to provide State pharmacy assistance programs and medication management programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1943. A bill to provide for an inexpensive book distribution program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 1944. A bill to provide national challenge grants for innovation in the education of homeless children and youth; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1945. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require consideration under the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program of the extent to which a proposed project or program reduces sulfur or atmospheric carbon emissions, to make renewable fuel projects eligible under that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1946. A bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the "John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act", to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, to extend the programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.