

and sewage facilities. In recent years, federal contributions have been limited to low interest loans rather than grants, through a revolving loan fund (SRF), and local ratepayers and taxpayers bear the burden of rehabilitating, upgrading and for operating costs. It is clear that more federal funding assistance is needed so that CSO communities can be given policy and financial tools with which to handle their ongoing CSO problem of sewer overflows into our rivers and bays.

The Smith-Snowe CSO bill amends the Clean Water Act and addresses the problems faced by such CSO cities and towns, 45 in my state alone. The purpose of the bill is to move forward with technology-based controls that are the most cost effective and to make sure communities do not put in controls that are not actually needed. The bill seeks to codify the Environmental Protection Agency's rational approach to CSO control, its "CSO Policy of April, 1994". Codification is necessary since the implementation of EPA's CSO policy has been inadequate to date.

The bill also provides congressional approval of the inclusion of realistic water quality standards compliance schedules for CSO control in permits and other enforceable documents issued as called for in the 1994 EPA Control Policy.

Initiation of the water quality standards/designated use review and revision process called for in EPA's Control Policy must also occur before requiring long-term CSO control plan implementation. The guidelines that the EPA is currently developing to assist communities for implementing measures for the control of CSOs are only just that, guidelines, and could potentially be changed after a community has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars following them. CSO communities need certainty, not changing guidelines after costly measures have already been taken.

The bill also authorizes federal grant funding assistance for CSO communities to implement long term CSO controls.

The problem of CSOs has been a long standing issue Mr. President, for which I cosponsored similar legislation in the House in the 102nd Congress. The CSO problem is not going to go away, but only become a bigger financial burden for our CSO communities.

I want to thank my colleagues who have agreed to cosponsor the Smith-Snowe CSO bill and urge those not yet cosponsoring to join us in support of this much needed legislation.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, Mr. Hanrahan, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which

it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1569. An act to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense from being used for the deployment of ground elements of the United States Armed Forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia unless that deployment is specifically authorized by law.

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-2741. A communication from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Researcher registration and research room procedures" (RIN3095-AA69), received April 26, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2742. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Employees' Benefits Equity Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2743. A communication from the Chairman, United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2744. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the procurement list, received April 20, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2745. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the procurement list, received April 7, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2746. A communication from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual management report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2747. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal years 1997 and 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2748. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Sixth Triennial Report to Congress on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research", dated November, 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2749. A communication from the Board Members, United States of America Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation amending the Railroad Retirement Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2750. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a statement of policy entitled "Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution"; to the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2751. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits" received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2752. A communication from the President, United States Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the audit for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2753. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor, transmitting jointly, a draft of proposed amendments to the Older Americans Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2754. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulation—Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs" (RIN1840-AC59), received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2755. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year 1999 under the Native Hawaiian Curriculum Development, Teacher Training, and Recruitment Program", received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2756. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations—Federal Family Education Loan Program" (RIN1840-AC57), received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2757. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education & Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitative Research" (84.133A & 84.133B), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2758. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mutual Recognition of Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practice Inspection Reports, Medical Device Quality System Audit Reports, and Certain Medical Device Product Evaluation Reports Between the United States and the European Community: Correction" (RIN0910-ZA11), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2759. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Exemptions from Premarket Notification; Class II Devices", received April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2760. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over-the-Counter Drug Products Containing Analgesic/Antipyretic Active Ingredients for Internal Use; Required Alcohol Warning—Final Rule" (Docket No. 77N-094W), received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2761. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Retention in Class III and Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Preamendment Class III Devices" (98N-0405), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2762. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Class III Preamendments Physical Medicine Devices" (98N-0467), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2763. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quality Mammography" (98N-0728), received April 29, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2764. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Over-the-Counter Human Drugs; Labeling Requirements; Corrections" (RIN0910-AA79), received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2765. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption; Sulphopropyl Cellulose", received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2766. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids and Sanitizers", received April 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2767. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to various export licenses; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2768. A communication from the Under Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to various export controls; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2769. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition on Payment of Fee in Lieu of Mandatory Excess Capital Stock Redemption" (RIN3069-AA83), received April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2770. A communication from the Managing Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collateral Eligible to Secure Federal Home Loan Bank Advances" (RIN3069-AA77), received April 13, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2771. A communication from the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2772. A communication from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2773. A communication from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to exports to Tunisia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2774. A communication from the Secretary, Security and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of amendments to a rule entitled "Deregistration of Certain Registered Investment Companies" (RIN3235-AG29) and Form N-8F and Rule 8f-1, received April 19, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2775. A communication from the Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Commission; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2776. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2777. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Standards: Market Risk", received April 15, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 22. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives serving as law enforcement officers.

S. Res. 29. A resolution to designate the week of May 2, 1999, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

S. Res. 33. A resolution designating May 1999 as "National Military Appreciation Month."

S. Res. 72. A resolution designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as "National ALS Awareness Month."

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 39. A bill to provide a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above the call of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 322. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 704. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of a committee were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

(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.)

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C. section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Donald G. Cook.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general, Dental Corps

Col. Kenneth L. Farmer, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. John G. Coburn.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general, Medical Corps

Col. Joseph G. Webb, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: