

States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:35 p.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. 118. An act to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building."

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

H.R. 509. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property.

H.R. 510. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

H.R. 560. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at the intersection of Comercio and San Justo Streets, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 686. An act to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Garza-Vela United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1121. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1162. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution urging the Congress and the President to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 503(b)(3) of the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 5933) and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following members to the National Skill Standards Board on the part of the House for a four-year term: Ms. Carolyn Warner of Phoenix, Arizona and Mr. George Bliss of Washington, D.C.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(b) of Public Law

98-183 and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker appoints the following member to the Commission on Civil Rights on the part of the House, effective May 4, 1999, to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Christopher F. Edley, Jr. of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 453. An act to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building."

S. 460. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Rock K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse."

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 118. An act to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 84. Concurrent resolution urging the Congress and the President to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 509. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of

Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property.

H.R. 510. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

H.R. 1480. An act to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

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-2850. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of expenditures for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2851. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer and Plan Administrator, Production Credit Association Retirement Committee, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual pension plan report for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2852. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Change in Survey Cycle for the Southwestern Michigan Appropriated Fund Wage Area" (RIN3206-A168), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2853. A communication from the Director, Office of Insurance Programs, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program; New Premiums" (RIN3206-A154), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2854. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Wilderness Battlefield; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2855. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claims and Effective Dates for the Award of Educational Assistance" (RIN2900-AH76), received on May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-2856. A communication from the Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additional Authorization to Issue Certification for Foreign Health Care Workers" (RIN115-AF43), received on May 2, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2857. A Communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to workforce reductions for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2858. A Communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to

law, a report relative to a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2859. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2860. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to various management concerns; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2861. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the fiscal year 1999 National Defense Authorization Act; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2862. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Patriot PAC-3 major defense acquisition program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2863. A communication from the Under Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a decision to study certain functions for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2864. A communication from the Alternate Office of the Secretary of Defense Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "OSD Privacy Program", received April 27, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2865. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Form BDW and related rules 15b1-1, 15b3-1, 15b6-1, 15Ba2-2, 15Bc3-1, 15Ca1-1 and 15Cc1-1 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934" (RIN3235-AG69), received May 3, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2866. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to a non-profit education foundation; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2867. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to amending the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2868. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanut Production, Research and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" (Docket No. FV-98-703-FR), received on April 30, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2869. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretariat, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (RIN0970-AB77), received on April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2870. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2871. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law,

the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2872. A communication from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 annual report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2873. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2874. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Medicare prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2875. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Chiropractic Services in Medicare HMOs and Medicare+Choice (M+C) Organizations"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2876. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Evaluation"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2877. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Early Implementation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2878. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child Support Enforcement Program; Grants to States for Access and Visitation Programs: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting" (RIN0970-AB72); to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2879. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Significant Reduction in the Rate of Future Benefit Accrual" (RIN1545-AT78), received on April 22, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2880. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement 99-40"; received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2881. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 99-18", received on April 9, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2882. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling 99-18", received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2883. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 99-23", received on April 6, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

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

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard, and to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 50:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. John E. Shkor, 0602

Captain Evelyn J. Fields, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Office of NOAA Corp Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

Captain Nicholas A. Prael, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

(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. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of March 8, 1999 and April 15, 1999, at the end of the Senate proceedings, 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.

Coast Guard nomination of James W. Bartlett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 8, 1999.

Coast Guard nomination beginning William L. Chaney, and ending William E. Shea, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 8, 1999.

Coast Guard nomination beginning Ashley B. Aclin, and ending Michael J. Zeruto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 15, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THURMOND, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 959. A bill to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 960. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish pension counseling