

(RIN1018-AE46), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3775. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL #6361-8), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3776. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL #6361-9), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3777. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solid Waste Programs; Management Guidelines for Beverage Containers; Removal of Obsolete Guidelines" (FRL #6362-4), received June 14, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3778. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL #6363-2), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3779. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Determination to Extend Deadline for Promulgation of Action on Section 126 Petitions" (FRL #6363-5), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3780. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon, Correction of Effective Date Under CRA" (FRL #6363-6), received June 15, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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-197. A petition from the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina relative to a proposed interstate compact between Georgia and South Carolina; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-198. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, McNairy County, Tennessee relative to prayer in schools; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-199. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-200. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-201. A petition from a citizen of the State of Mississippi relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-202. A petition from a citizen of the State of Mississippi relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-203. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada relative to Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, The Social Security system provides benefits to 44 million Americans, including over 27 millions retirees, 4½ million people with disabilities, almost 4 million surviving children and over 8 million surviving adults, and is essential to the dignity and security of a large number of the residents of this country; and

Whereas, The Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds have reported to Congress that the "total income" of the Social Security system "is estimated to fall short of expenditures beginning in 2019 and in each year thereafter . . . until [trust fund] assets are exhausted in 2029"; and

Whereas, Intergenerational fairness, honest accounting principles, prudent budgeting and sound economic policy all require saving Social Security to ensure that our country may better afford the demands placed on Social Security upon the retirement of the "baby boomer" generation beginning in 2010; and

Whereas, If efforts were expended to save the Social Security system, the national savings would be expanded, interest rates would be reduced, private investments would be enhanced, labor productivity would increase and the economy of this country would grow; and

Whereas, The Social Security system produces an annual surplus that is invested in government bonds and the United States Department of Treasury currently borrows the "surplus," which is projected to approach \$100 billion dollars by the end of 1999, and spends this money on programs that are unrelated to Social Security; and

Whereas, The United States House of Representatives introduced a bill into Congress 1 year ago, designated H.R. 3207, that would have created the "Save Social Security First Reserve Fund" into which the Secretary of the Treasury would be required to deposit budget surpluses pending Social Security reform; and

Whereas, This bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security on February 19, 1998, but died in committee; and

Whereas, Similar bills have been introduced to protect the Social Security system, but to date none have been acted upon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, Taht the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Federal Government to invest all surplus money from Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance for the benefit of the Social Security system; and be it further

Resolved, that such investments must be in public debt securities with suitable maturities and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, tak-

ing into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities; and be it further

Resolved, That the income on such investments must be credited to and form a part of the fund for use in the future; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Treasury and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.

POM-204. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to food quality protection; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 132

Whereas, the safe, responsible use of pesticides for agricultural, food safety, structural, public health, environmental, and other purposes has significantly advanced the overall welfare of Hawaii's citizens and the environment; and

Whereas, the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) establishes new safety standards that pesticides must meet to be newly registered or remain on the market; and

Whereas, the FQPA requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to ensure that all pesticide tolerances meet these new standards by reassessing one-third of the 9,700 current pesticide tolerances by August 1999, and all current tolerances in ten years; and

Whereas, risk determinations based on sound science and reliable real-world data are essential for accurate decisions, and the best way for USEPA to obtain this data is to require its development and submission by the registrants through the data call-in process; and

Whereas, risk determinations made in the absence of reliable, science-based information is expected to result in the needless loss of pesticides and certain uses of other pesticides; and

Whereas, the needless loss of pesticides and certain pesticide uses will result in fewer pest control options for Hawaii and would be harmful to the economy of Hawaii by jeopardizing agriculture, one of the few industries that has shown great strength during the recent years of the State's flat economy, and fewer pest control options for urban and suburban uses that will result in significant loss of personal property and increased human health concerns; and

Whereas, the needless loss of pesticides will jeopardize the ability of the state and county governments to protect public health and safety on public property and to protect our natural environmental resources, for example, from aggressive alien species; and

Whereas, the flawed implementation of the FQPA is likely to result in significant increases in food costs to consumers, thereby putting the nutritional needs of children, the poor, and the elderly at unnecessary risk; and

Whereas, the Clinton administration has directed the USEPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to work jointly toward implementing the FQPA in a manner that assures that our children will be adequately protected and that risk determinations related to pesticide tolerances and registrations will be based on accurate, science-based information; and

Whereas, the cost of developing data to quantify real-world risk is prohibitive and minor use data may not be financed by pesticide registrants and the State and pesticide users may fund studies to support minor users; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1999, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature of the State of Hawaii does hereby respectfully request that the U.S. Congress direct the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to:

(1) Initiate rulemaking to ensure that the policies and standards it intends to apply in evaluating pesticide tolerances and making realistic risk determinations are based on accurate information, real-world data available through the data call-in process, and sound science, and are subject to adequate public notice and comment before it issues final pesticide tolerance determinations;

(2) Provide interested persons the opportunity to produce data needed to evaluate pesticide tolerances so that USEPA can avoid making faulty final pesticide tolerance determinations based upon unrealistic default assumptions;

(3) Implement the FQPA in a manner that will not adversely disrupt agricultural production nor adversely affect the availability, diversity of the food supply, nor jeopardize the public health or environmental quality through the needless reassessment of pesticide tolerances for non-agricultural activities; and

(4) Delay the August 1999, deadline until 2001 or until the USEPA, USDA, industry leaders and manufacturers can provide science-based data as to use, application, and residue of the pesticides under review; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Hawaii respectfully requests that pesticide registrants and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support minor use registrations by reserving a meaningful portion of the risks projected from the use of a pesticide or a class of pesticides for minor uses; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, President of the U.S. Senate, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, the Administrator of the USEPA, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Governor of Hawaii, the American Crop Protection Association, the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment.

POM-205. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to The United Nations Children's Fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

Whereas, a forum is needed to follow up on the recommendations of the Millennium Young People's Congress to be held in October 1999; and

Whereas, children and youth are the key to world peace, sustainability, and productivity in the next millennium; and

Whereas, the health, welfare, and rights of children are the basic foundations that must be established for all children and youth; and

Whereas, Hawaii's location in the middle of the Pacific Rim provides an excellent and strategic location for the meeting place to follow up on the recommendations of the Millennium Young People's Congress, to dis-

cuss the health, welfare, and rights of children as basic foundations for all children and youth, and to research pertinent issues and alternatives concerning children and youth and propose viable models for societal application; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1999, that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is respectfully requested to establish a center for the health, welfare, and rights of children and youth in Hawaii and support for the center is respectfully requested from the President of the United States and Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary General of the United Nations Children's Fund, the President of the UNICEF Executive Board, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

POM-206. A concurrent resolution of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to the nomination of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Whereas, on April 21, 1999, General Shinseki was nominated by President Clinton to become Chief of Staff of the United States Army; and

Whereas, General Eric Shinseki was born in Lihue, Hawaii, graduated from Kauai High School in 1961, and is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Duke University; and

Whereas, General Shinseki currently serves as the Vice-Chief of Staff of the United States Army and is also the first Asian-American four-star general having received his fourth star in August of 1997 when he became commanding general of all U.S. Army forces in Europe and was head of the stabilization force in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and

Whereas, General Shinseki's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Meritorious Service Medal; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1999, the Senate concurring, that the United States Senate is urged to confirm the nomination of General Eric Shinseki as Chief of Staff of the United States Army; and be it further

Resolved, That a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and to Senator Daniel K. Akaka.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2000" (Rept. No. 106-79).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1233: An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-80).

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1234: An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-81).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 326: A bill to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care (Rept. No. 106-82).

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

S. 692: A bill to prohibit Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1231. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish additional provisions to combat waste, fraud, and abuse within the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1232. A bill to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1233. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 1234. An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1235. A bill to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1236. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 1237. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1238. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to