

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E4 Airspace; Melbourne, FL; docket no. 00-ASO-34 [9-22/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0259) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11364. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Fairfield, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-13 [9-19/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0260) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11365. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Elkhart, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-22 [10-16/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0261) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11366. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Pittsburg, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-28 [10-24/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0262) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11367. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class D & E Airspace and Amendment to Class E Airspace; Garden City, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-25 [10-25/10-26]" (RIN 2120-AA66) (2000-0263) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11368. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Health Service Corps Amendments of 2000"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

Report to accompany S. 870, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-510).

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. BIDEN:

S. 3252. A bill to establish a national center on volunteer and provider screening to reduce sexual and other abuse of children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 3253. A bill to authorize Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development

program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3254. A bill to provide assistance to East Timor to facilitate the transition of East Timor to an independent nation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. SCHUMER)):

S. 3255. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to apply the medicaid disproportionate share hospital payment transition rule to public hospitals in all States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 3256. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3257. A bill to establish a Chief Labor Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3258. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to prevent discrimination based on participation in labor disputes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 3259. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a rehabilitation credit for certain expenditures to rehabilitate historic performing arts facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3260. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish the conservation security program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 383. A resolution extending the authorities relating to the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. BIDEN:

S. 3252. A bill to establish a national center on volunteer and provider screening to reduce sexual and other abuse of children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, as everyone in this room knows all too well, I have devoted much of my career to fighting crime. And if there is one thing that I have learned over the course of the past 30 years in public service, it's this: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. I have watched as the Boys and Girls Clubs and other non-profits have worked to make certain that kids have a safe place to go after school. I have been supportive of countless crime prevention initiatives to protect our children, our parents and those unable to protect themselves. And guess what, these programs have worked to prevent crime. But even those programs whose single purpose is to do good, have seen some bad times. And that is why today, I am introducing the National Child Protection Act.

Today, more than 87 million kids are involved each year in activities provided by child and youth organizations which depend heavily on volunteers to deliver their services. Millions more adults are also served by public and private voluntary organizations. Places like the Boys and Girls Clubs rely on volunteers to make these safe havens for kids a place where they can learn. But, while these non-profit organizations are doing God's work, there are some volunteers who have a different agenda—and there are abuses that occur.

The National Mentoring Partnership reports that incidents of child sexual abuse in child care settings, foster homes and schools ranges from 1 to 7 percent. This is basic stuff—these organizations can not function effectively without a safe infrastructure in place.

Currently most child-service organizations do background checks on volunteers, but they may have to wait weeks or months for the result of a state or national criminal background check. Conducting these checks is also costly and therefore many organizations conduct only a limited check of their volunteers. And some organizations don't have access to national fingerprint databases which means that while a volunteer may pass a name-check in one state, he may have been convicted of atrocities in another. Our children, our parents and the disadvantaged are at risk and they need help.

That is why my bill authorizes \$180 million over five years for the FBI to establish a national center to conduct national criminal history fingerprint