

may be paid to Government physicians, and to provide that such allowances be treated as part of basic pay for retirement purposes.

H.R. 1653. An act to complete the orderly withdrawal of the NOAA from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, and to assist in the conservation of coral reefs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2903. An act to reauthorize the Striped Bass Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4020. An act to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5540. An act to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is re-enacted; to provide for additional temporary bankruptcy judges; and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 782. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for elders individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4864. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reaffirm and clarify the duty of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assist claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 12:09 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 joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 122. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

At 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2462) to amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4846) to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 397. Concurrent resolution voicing concern about serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in most states of Central Asia, including substantial noncompliance with their Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) commitments on democratization and the holding of free and fair elections.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 1, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 501. An act to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska.

S. 503. An act designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness."

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 710. An act to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudes Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 3267: An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain retiree health benefits under the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992 and adjust inequities related to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund (Rept. No. 106-512).

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. ROTH:

S. 3267. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain retiree health benefits under the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992 and adjust inequities related to the United Mine Workers of America Combined Benefit Fund; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 3268. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve provisions concerning the recovery of damages for injuries resulting from oil spills; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S.J. Res. 56. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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:

S. Con. Res. 159. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 3268. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve provisions concerning the recovery of damages for injuries resulting from oil spills; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

FISHERMEN AND AQUACULTURE OIL SPILL ASSISTANCE ACT

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to address concerns raised by a number of my constituents with respect to the Oil Pollution Act in the aftermath of the New Carissa incident. This legislation, the Fishermen and Aquaculture Oil Spill Assistance Act, is the first step toward ensuring that small businesses, such as the fishermen and shellfish producers in my state, who are impacted by these oil spills, are not victimized a second time by a lengthy claims procedure under the OPA.

For the benefit of my colleagues who are not aware of this incident, the New Carissa was a large wood-chip freighter that ran aground near Coos Bay, Oregon last year and leaked 60,000 gallons of oil. This devastated the coastal environment in that area, and temporarily damaged some of the important oyster beds for which Coos Bay is well-known in the seafood industry. In fact, we still have the ship's stern section sitting off-shore, marring the natural beauty of the Oregon coast.

Over the last several months I have heard from my constituents from that