

Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2000-2), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7846. A communication from the Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation: Reissuance of 48 CFR Chapter 5 and Clarification on the Use of Selection Criteria for Architect Engineer Procurements" (RIN3090-AE90/AH07), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7847. 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 Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut and Rhode Island; Clean Fuel Fleets (Region 1)" (FRL # 6542-3), received February 29, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7848. 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 "Polyvinyl Acetate, Carboxyl Modified Sodium Salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL # 6389-8), received February 29, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2126. A bill to ensure that the fiscal year 2000 on-budget surplus is used to reduce publicly held debt; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2127. A bill to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material, movies, video games, Internet content, and music lyrics from the applicability of the antitrust laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2128. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify the classification of certain toys; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2129. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on HIV/AIDS drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2130. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on HIV/AIDS drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2131. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Rhinovirus Drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. FRIST, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2132. A bill to create incentives for private sector research related to developing vaccines against widespread diseases and ensure that such vaccines are affordable and widely distributed; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2133. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Solvent Blue 124; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2134. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Solvent Blue 104; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2135. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Pigment Red 176; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2136. A bill to temporarily suspend the duty on benzenesulfonamide,4-amino-2,5-dimethoxy-N-phenyl; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 2137. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HELMS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 87. A concurrent resolution commending the Holy See for making significant contributions to international peace and human rights, and objecting to efforts to expel the Holy See from the United Nations by removing the Holy See's Permanent Observer status in the United Nations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2126. A bill to ensure that the fiscal year 2000 on-budget surplus is used to reduce publicly held debt; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

SAVE OUR SURPLUS FOR DEBT REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2126

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Save Our Surplus for Debt Reduction Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

- (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
 - (1) the Congressional Budget Office currently estimates that the Government will have a \$23,000,000,000 nonsocial security surplus (on-budget surplus) in fiscal year 2000;
 - (2) Government spending in fiscal year 2000 will increase faster than the rate of inflation for a total of over \$1,750,000,000,000;
 - (3) Government publicly held debt in fiscal year 2000 will be reduced by over \$150,000,000,000, yet debt held by the public will remain in excess of \$3,450,000,000,000 and cost over \$200,000,000,000 in annual interest payments;
 - (4) Government revenues in fiscal year 2000 will be 20.3 percent of the Gross Domestic Product, which is the highest level since World War II; and
 - (5) nearly 40,000,000 citizens currently rely on social security and medicare, yet as more Americans retire over the next decade, these programs will begin running deficits and jeopardize their retirement.
- (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to ensure that the fiscal year 2000 on-budget surplus is used to reduce publicly held debt.

SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF PUBLICLY HELD DEBT.

(a) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST CERTAIN LEGISLATION.—Except as provided by subsection (b), it shall not be in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report if—

- (1) the enactment of that bill or resolution as reported;
 - (2) the adoption and enactment of that amendment; or
 - (3) the enactment of that bill or resolution in the form recommended in that conference report;
- would cause a decrease in the on-budget surplus for fiscal year 2000.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The point of order set forth in subsection (a) shall not apply to a bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report if it—

- (1) reduces revenues;
- (2) implements structural social security reform; or
- (3) implements structural medicare reform.

(c) WAIVERS AND APPEALS IN THE SENATE.—

(1) WAIVERS.—Subsection (a) may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

(2) APPEALS.—

(A) LIMITATIONS.—Appeals in the Senate from the decisions of the Chair relating to subsection (a) shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the mover and the manager of the bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report, as the case may be.

(B) SUPERMAJORITY.—An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under subsection (a).

SEC. 4. SUNSET PROVISION.

The provisions of this Act shall cease to have any force or effect on October 1, 2000.●

By Mr. BROWNBACK: