

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subscription Power Sales to Customers and Customer's Sales of Firm Resources", received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8019. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federalism; Intergovernment Consultation", received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8020. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Order on Rehearing (Order No. 2000-A); This Order on Rehearing Provides Clarification to the Final Rule on Regional Transmission Organizations (Order No. 2000)" (RIN1902-AB77), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8021. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Filing Copies of Reports and Statements with State Officers", received March 17, 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8022. A communication from the Director, Corporate Audits and Standards, General Accounting Office transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the financial statements of the Capitol Preservation Fund for fiscal years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8023. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of proposed legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8024. A communication from the Executive Assistant to the Secretary, Smithsonian Institution transmitting the report of the draft minutes of the January 24, 2000 meeting of the Board of Regents; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-8025. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Anthrax vaccine and adverse-event reporting; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8026. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the TRICARE Prime Remote program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8027. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of TRICARE; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8028. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the provision of dental care to dependents 18 years and younger, of members of the Uniformed Services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs: Breast Cancer Research Program; Prostrate Cancer Research Program; and Defense Health Research Program"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8030. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collection from Third Party Payers of Reason-

able Costs of Healthcare Services" (RIN0790-AG51), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8031. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8032. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the FY 2001 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8033. A communication from the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting the FY 1999 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of proposed Technical Assistance Agreements and Manufacturing License Agreements with Russia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8035. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8036. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000, the report of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8037. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: TN-32 Addition" (RIN3150-AG18), received March 17, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8038. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Threatened Status for the Contiguous U.S. District Population Segment of the Canada Lynx, and Related Rule" (RIN1018-AF03), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8039. A communication from the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for a Petition to List North American Populations of Smalltooth Sawfish as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN0648-XA49), received March 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8040. 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 "Organobromine Production Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Wastes; Land Disposal Restrictions; Listing of CERCLA Hazardous Substances, Portable Quantities; Final Rule" (FRL #6560-4), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8041. 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 "Amendment to the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards and New Source Performance Standards for the Builders' Paper and Board Mills Point Source Category; Technical Amendment; Removal" (FRL #6562-3), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8042. 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, San Joaquin Unified Air Pollution Control District, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, CA 224-0213a & 224-0213b" (FRL #6549-7), received March 16, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8043. 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; Oregon" (FRL #6544-2), received March 16, 2000; 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-437. A joint resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois relative to the national agricultural policy; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Whereas, the gathering storm of an impending farm crisis has caused the Extension Service of the University of Illinois to reactivate its Hot Line, which was last used a decade ago, in order to inform and aid struggling farmers; and

Whereas, Farmers are feeling the effects of a collapsing hog market and falling commodity prices that are below the cost of production; grain stocks could pile up even more and drive prices down even further; the spectre of farm bankruptcies is again looming large; and

Whereas, The food supply and the general economic health of this country will be adversely affected by the continuing agricultural downturn; and

Whereas, Our vulnerable heritage, the family farm, long on the decline, may soon be on the verge of extinction; therefore, be it,

*Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein, That we urge Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to re-examine our national agricultural policy and give due attention and action to remedy our current agricultural economic dilemma; and be it further*

*Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Director of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.*

POM-438. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative formula grants for gifted and talented education programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8019

Whereas, every child is unique and deserves a stimulating and challenging education regardless of ability; and

Whereas, true equity involves providing an appropriate education to every learner; and

Whereas, our nation's diverse student population includes academically gifted boys and girls from every region and from all ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

Whereas, gifted children are unusually swift and efficient learners in their areas of strength and therefore require in those domains a different pace, depth, and level of education than is ordinarily provided at their age; and

Whereas, being gifted doesn't automatically make these children better students, however, gifted students learn faster and in different ways than typical students, causing special educational needs; and

Whereas, only in conjunction with appropriate school challenges can gifted children realize their enormous potential contribution to our society and its citizens; and

Whereas, a nation seeking to provide for world class education cannot afford to exclude its most capable students from appropriate and equitable opportunities for educational growth in the classroom; and

Whereas, Congress has sent a message about the importance of gifted student success by funding the Javits Program of research and demonstration services with an emphasis on underserved groups;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully entreat that Congress continue to help meet the unique special needs of gifted students by including formula grants to states for gifted and talented education programs (HR 637 and S 505) in its consideration of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

*Be it Resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-439. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana relative to reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act (CARE); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas, in Indiana, as of January 1, 2000, more than 10,000 cases of the expanding epidemic known as AIDS—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome—have been reported;

Whereas, the State of Indiana created a Division of HIV/STD within the Department of Health, to proactively address issues relating to HIV/AIDS, and which office now directly administers the expenditure of Federal and State funds to combat the disease;

Whereas, due to advancements in pharmaceutical therapies and an increasing focus on early intervention and treatment, the number of individuals living with HIV disease has grown significantly; the progression from HIV to an AIDS diagnosis for many has slowed considerably as a result of these therapies;

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 6,000 residents of Indiana are currently living with HIV disease;

Whereas, it is estimated that an additional 1,300 or 21 percent, of Hoosiers with HIV disease are unaware of their diagnosis, and hundreds of individuals know that they are HIV-positive but are not receiving care regularly;

Whereas, it is estimated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that there are 40,000 new HIV infections in the United States each year;

Whereas, HIV/AIDS in Indiana disproportionately impacts communities of color, gay and bisexual men and women, as well as economically-depressed and other underserved communities;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among Whites was 7 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanics was 19.3 per 100,000, and the rate among African Americans was 44 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White males was 13 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic males was 29.9 per 100,000, and the rate among African American males was 59.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, in 1999 the rate of HIV disease among White females was 1.3 per 100,000, while the rate among Hispanic females was 8.4 per 100,000, and the rate among African American females was 29.8 per 100,000;

Whereas, the rate of HIV disease among African American females more than doubled compared to the rate among White females from 1998 to 1999;

Whereas, as many as 16 percent of new HIV infections occur in people under age 25, and one in eight are in young people under age 22;

Whereas, young adults ages 20–29 represent 20% of reported AIDS cases, but represent 38% of newer cases of HIV infection;

Whereas, increasingly, some individuals with HIV disease have also been diagnosed with substance abuse and/or mental illness (dual diagnosis);

Whereas, substance abuse is a factor in well over 50% of HIV infections in some United States cities;

Whereas, Indiana looks to the Federal Government to assist the State in meeting the expanding health care and social services needs of the people living with HIV disease;

Whereas, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency (CARE) Act was first adopted by Congress in 1990;

Whereas, the Ryan White CARE Act expires on September 30, 2000;

Whereas, since its inception, the Ryan White CARE Act has ensured the delivery of vital medical care and treatment and essential support services to thousands of Hoosiers, including medical examinations, laboratory procedures and evaluations, pharmaceuticals, dental care, case management, transportation, housing, legal assistance, benefits education and assistance, treatment education and adherence, and mental health counseling;

Whereas, in more recent years the State has developed the Health Insurance Assistance Program, (HIAP), using a portion of Ryan White CARE Act dollars to purchase comprehensive health insurance policies for hundreds of Hoosiers through the Indiana Comprehensive Health Insurance Association (ICHIA), Indiana's high risk insurance pool, at roughly one-half of the cost of providing medical and pharmaceutical services under the State's Early Intervention Program (EIP) and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP);

Whereas, under Federal law, the Ryan White CARE Act is designated as the pro-

vider of last resort; therefore, it is recognized as the critical safety net program for low-income uninsured or underinsured individuals;

Whereas, the Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2000 contains increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, and Indiana is expected to receive \$7,813,713 beginning April 1, 2000;

Whereas, funding under Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act pays for care, treatment and social services;

Whereas, over 80% pay for life-extending and life-saving pharmaceuticals under Indiana's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and for comprehensive health insurance policies under Indiana's Health Insurance Assistance Program (HIAP);

Whereas, title III of the Ryan White CARE Act provides funding to public and private nonprofit entities in Indiana for outpatient early intervention and primary care services;

Whereas, the goal of the Ryan White CARE Act Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program (Part F) is to advance knowledge about the care and treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS by providing time-limited grants to assess models for delivering health and support services;

Whereas, SPNS projects have supported the development of innovative service models for HIV care to provide legal, health and social services to communities of color, youth, hard to reach populations, and those with dual diagnoses in Indiana; and

Whereas, the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC) is funded as part of Part F of the Ryan White CARE Act, and in Indiana, MATEC trains clinical health care providers provides consultation and technical assistance, and disseminates ever-changing information for the effective management of HIV disease; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly affirms its support of the Ryan White CARE Act, and urges the Congress of the United States to expeditiously reauthorize the Act in order to ensure that the expanding medical care and support services needs of individuals living with HIV disease are met.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader, the Chairpersons and Ranking Minority Members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Appropriations, and Budget Committees, and to the Chairpersons and Ranking Minority Members of the House Commerce, Appropriations, and Budget Committees, and to each Senator and Representative from Indiana in the Congress of the United States.

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. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2254. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to reauthorize and make improvements to that