

states that qualify to enforce federal standards; and

(4) The Congress increase funding to assist states in responding to pipeline accident emergencies, to implement pipeline safety measures, to support states with delegated authority to enforce federal standards, and to the Office of Pipeline Safety for additional research and development of technologies for testing, leak detection, and oversight operations, be it

*Resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, 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-441. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the environmental clean-up project at the Hanford site; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Whereas, the United States government in the throes and peril of World War II and the following cold war did confiscate and use five hundred sixty square miles of desert on the banks of the Columbia River in Washington State, which came to be known as the Hanford site, to produce plutonium for use in nuclear weapons, which did contribute to bringing both wars to conclusion; and

Whereas, The peace and well-being of the citizens of the United States was furthered for over forty-five years by the work done at the Hanford site; and

Whereas, The Hanford site is now the nation's biggest environmental clean-up project; and

Whereas, Sixty percent of the nation's defense nuclear waste is stored at Hanford in one hundred seventy-seven underground storage tanks, most of which are beyond their design life, and one-third of which have leaked one million gallons to the ground; and

Whereas, The tanks are seven miles south and ten miles west of the Columbia River, the largest river in the Pacific Northwest and a national treasure; and

Whereas, The site is currently in the process of cleaning up the legacy left by the above stated work, which was in the best interests of the American people; and

Whereas, The Hanford site is the only one of the United States Department of Energy sites without a waste treatment facility; and

Whereas, The Department of Energy Office of River Protection was created by Congress in 1998 to manage all aspects of the tank waste remediation project; and

Whereas, Full funding of this environmentally necessary clean-up effort is imperative and overdue: Now, therefore

Your Memorialists respectfully pray that, with due respect for other clean-up projects' needs, full funding as necessary to build a vitrification treatment plant, retrieve waste from the tanks, feed waste into said vitrification treatment plant, and dispose of resulting glass logs be forthcoming on schedule to meet the negotiated dates contained in the Tri-Party Agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Energy, be it

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States, the Secretary of the Department of Energy, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 2251) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-247).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1629. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon (Rept. No. 106-248).

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. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2266. A bill to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBAC):

S. 2267. A bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2268. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to remove the reduction in the amount of Survivor Benefit Plan annuities at age 62; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 2269. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to ban soft money donations, increase individual contribution limits to candidates, and increase disclosure for issue advocacy; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 2270. A bill to prohibit civil or equitable actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others, to protect gun owner privacy and ownership rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2271. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to improve the quality and availability of training for judges, attorneys, and volunteers working in the Nation's abuse and neglect courts, and for other purposes consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2272. A bill to improve the administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's abuse and neglect courts and for other purposes consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRYAN:

S. 2273. A bill to establish the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 2274. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2275. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to prohibit the exportation of Alaska North Slope crude oil; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2276. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish programs to recruit, retain, and retrain teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr.