

EC-3054. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-152. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Maine has nearly 500 dairy farms annually producing milk valued at over \$100,000,000; and

Whereas, maintaining a sufficient supply of Maine-produced milk and milk products is in the best interest of Maine consumers and businesses; and

Whereas, a University of Connecticut study, done while the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact has been in existence, concluded that from July 1997 to July 2000, the price of milk to the consumer increased 29¢ of which 4½¢ went to the farmer; and

Whereas, Maine is a member of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; and

Whereas, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact will terminate at the end of September 2001 unless action is taken by the Congress to reauthorize it; and

Whereas, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact's mission is to ensure the continued viability of dairy farming in the Northeast and to assure consumers of an adequate, local supply of pure and wholesome milk and also helps support the Women, Infants and Children program, commonly known as "WIC"; and

Whereas, the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact has established a minimum price to be paid to dairy farmers for their milk, which has helped to stabilize their incomes; and

Whereas, in certain months the compact's minimum price has resulted in dairy farmers receiving nearly 10% more for their milk than the farmers would have otherwise received; and

Whereas, actions taken by the compact have directly benefited Maine dairy farmers by not diminishing the farmer's share; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress reauthorize the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, each member of the United States Congress who sits as chair on the United States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture or the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the United States Secretary of Agriculture and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-153. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act;

to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

Whereas, The Detroit River is a unique resource in many ways. This historic water route has been a major transportation thoroughfare since long before Europeans arrived, and its role in commerce has been a key part of the economic strength of two nations. In addition to these well-documented elements, the Detroit River also hosts great diversity in wildlife and ecological features; and

Whereas, The lower portions of the Detroit River include shoals, islands, and channels that support a variety of aquatic plants, fish, and wildlife. Although designated an American Heritage River in 1998, the Detroit River is still threatened by environmental practices; and

Whereas, Congress is considering a measure, H.R. 1230, that would establish the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. This bill would provide a mechanism to preserve the character of the area through land acquisition and agreements for cooperative management. Under this legislation, the Secretary of the Interior could acquire land along an 18-mile stretch of the Detroit River. A key component of the proposal is that it does not authorize the taking of land but relies upon willing sellers; and

Whereas, Establishing the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge along one of the great metropolitan regions in the country is an excellent investment in Michigan's resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, June 26, 2001

POM-154. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania relative to issuing a Coal Miners' Postal Stamp; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

Whereas, Our entire Nation owes our coal miners a great deal more than we could ever repay them for the difficult and dangerous job which they performed so that we could have the fuel we needed to operate our industries and to heat our homes; and

Whereas, It would be proper and fitting for our Nation to recognize our coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions to this Nation; therefore be it

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the general Assembly memorialize the United States Postal Service to issue a postal stamp to honor our coal miners and to commemorate their contributions to our nation and its citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the United States Postal Service, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-155. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to legislation protecting employees and retirees whose health

care plans have been terminated by companies as a result of financial difficulties caused in whole or in part by unfairly traded foreign imports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 212

Whereas, In the 1980s the American steel industry experienced an economic crisis due to existing trade policies resulting in steel mill shutdowns, steelworker layoffs and a weakening of the entire steel industry; and

Whereas, In the early 1990s the American steel industry experienced a period of relative stability; and

Whereas, In late 1997 and early 1998 the Asian economic crisis and the collapse of the Russian economy produced a flood of manufactured products, including steel, leading to the most serious crisis for the steel industry since the 1980s; and

Whereas, That crisis resulted in the layoffs of 10,000 steelworkers, bankruptcy of steel companies, weakening of the entire steel industry and increase in the level of imports deemed "normal and acceptable" by the Federal Government; and

Whereas, In the week ended December 30, 2000, the steel industry operated at less than 65% of capacity, its lowest operating level in 14 years; and

Whereas, Since the beginning of the Asian economic crisis, 14 steel companies have been driven into bankruptcy and many others are on the brink of bankruptcy; and

Whereas, The bankruptcy and potential bankruptcy of steel companies represents a threat to the health benefits of employees and retirees; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress to support and pass legislation establishing a Health Care Benefit Guarantee Corporation similar to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation to ensure benefits to those employees and retirees whose health care plans have been terminated by companies as a result of financial difficulties caused in whole or in part by unfairly traded foreign imports; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-156. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to domestic violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

Whereas, Between 2 and 4 million women each year are victims of domestic violence nationally; and

Whereas, At least 800,000 Pennsylvanians are victims of domestic violence each year; and

Whereas, Domestic violence is a health care problem of epidemic proportions; and

Whereas, Medical professionals have a unique opportunity to intervene in domestic violence as they are often the first resource a battered victim seeks for help; and

Whereas, Health care providers can be a critical link to safety by offering support, information, education, resources and follow-up services to patients who are identified as victims of domestic violence; and

Whereas, Approximately only 10% of primary care physicians across the nation routinely screen for partner abuse when a patient is not currently injured; and

Whereas, The General Assembly recognized the importance of screening patients for

symptoms of domestic violence in enacting Act 115 of 1998, which established the Domestic Health Care Response Program; and

Whereas, Act 115 of 1998 made Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to establish patient screening and advocacy programs in hospitals and health care systems; and

Whereas, The Family Violence Prevention Fund recognized Pennsylvania as the only state to receive an "A" grade for laws regarding health care response to domestic violence; and

Whereas, A team from Pennsylvania has joined teams from 14 other states and tribes and the Family Violence Prevention Fund to create innovative and sustainable health care responses to domestic violence on a national level through the National Health Care Standards Campaign; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize June 12, 2001, as "National Domestic Violence Health Care Standards Campaign Kick-Off Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives encourage Pennsylvanians and health care professionals in this Commonwealth to learn more about the causes, signs, prevention and treatment for domestic violence; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives urge the Congress of the United States to recognize the "National Domestic Violence Health Care Standards Campaign" and to promote the screening of patients for domestic violence by health care professionals across the nation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SARBANES for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2002.

*Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2007.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. TORRICELLI:

S. 1222. A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1223. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure equity in the provision of transportation by limousine services;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1224. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of medicare cost contracts for 10 years; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1225. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign the \$1 bill so as to incorporate the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and a list of the Articles of the Constitution on the reverse side of such currency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1226. A bill to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1227. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1228. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize pilot projects under which private companies in the United States may use Federal inmate labor to produce items that would otherwise be produced by foreign labor, to revise the authorities and operations of Federal Prison Industries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1229. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to permit individuals to import prescription drugs in limited circumstances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1230. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to focus American efforts on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1231. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish a system for market participants, regulators, and the public to have access to certain information about the operation of electricity power markets and transmission systems; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. 1232. A bill to provide for the effective punishment of online child molesters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1233. A bill to provide penalties for certain unauthorized writing with respect to consumer products; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 213

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 409

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill entitled "National Discovery Trails Act of 2001".

S. 543

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend permanently the subpart F exemption for active financing income.

S. 686

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 805, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide