

“Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Reporting on Organic Raisins” (Doc. No. FV01-989-2FR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3239. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Final Fee and Reserve Percentages for 200-01 Crop Natural (sun-dried) Seedless and Zante Currant Raisins” (Doc. No. FV01-989-3IFR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3240. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-959-1FIR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3241. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches” (Doc. No. FV01-916-1FIR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3242. A communication from the Regulations Specialist of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Encumbrance of Tribal Land—Contract Approvals” (RIN1076-AE00) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-3243. A communication from the Regulations Specialist of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Attorney Contracts with Indian Tribes” (RIN107-AE18) received on July 26, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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-169. A petition presented by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles relative to Federal health care reform; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-170. A resolution adopted by the City Council of North Olmsted, Ohio relative to the crisis facing the domestic steel industry; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-171. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to federally funded community health centers and other federal community-based safety-net programs; to the Committee on Finance.

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Whereas, Federally funded community-based safety-net programs, which are specifically designed to assist low-income persons without health insurance and those who live in areas that lack health care services, play a significant role in the delivery of medical care and related agencies to the large number of Americans who cannot afford health insurance; and

Whereas, Texas' large size and shared border with Mexico are geographical factors that present the state with unique challenges in serving its residents and increase the importance of all types of safety-net health care programs; of a total of 254 Texas counties, 176 entire counties and an additional 47 partial counties are federally designed as medically underserved areas; these areas include all but one of the counties along the Rio Grande; and

Whereas, These medically underserved areas are characterized by a high percentage of elderly residents, high poverty rates, high infant mortality rates; and a lower ratio of primary care providers than the national average; furthermore, these areas typically serve working poor, minority members, foreign born, or noncitizens who rely on community-based safety-net programs for medical care; and

Whereas, Federal safety-net programs are particularly important to the four U.S.-Mexico border states, including Texas, which rank among the six states with the highest percentage of uninsured persons under 65 partly because of the large numbers of immigrant households among their populations; such households are more than twice as likely to lack health insurance as are households of native-born citizens, and a recent study found that immigrants and children who arrived between 1994 and 1998 account for 59 percent of the growth of the uninsured; and

Whereas, Community health centers are a cost-effective way to provide primary and preventive care to populations lacking medical care and can reduce the inappropriate use of emergency rooms and hospitalizations; and

Whereas, Increasing the number of community health centers would be a tremendous benefit for those Texans living in poor and underserved communities as well as for the 56 percent of Texas' noncitizens residents who are uninsured by providing greater access to regular sources of both primary care and preventive health services and allowing medical services to target common health problems in these populations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully request the Congress of the United States to expand the number of and funding for federally funded community health centers and other federal community-based safety-net programs specifically directed to poor and medically underserved communities in states with the highest numbers of uninsured residents; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the Speaker of the house of representatives, and to the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-172. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to the U.S. Border Patrol Training Academy to the southwest Texas border region; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Whereas, The United States Border Patrol was established by an act of Congress in 1924 in response to increasing illegal immigra-

tion; the initial force of 450 officers was given responsibility for combating illegal entries and the growing business of alien smuggling; and

Whereas, The Border Patrol has since grown from a handful of mounted agents patrolling desolate areas along U.S. borders to today's dynamic workforce of more than 8,000 men and women supported by sophisticated technology, vehicles, and aircraft, since 1986, the Border Patrol has made more than eight million apprehensions nationwide; and

Whereas, Each year, more than 1,000 Border Patrol agents spend 19 weeks in intensive training in immigration law, statutory authority, police techniques, and Spanish at the Border Patrol Training Academy; and

Whereas, The academy has had many homes; the first academy was established in El Paso, Texas, in 1934, and was later moved to Los Fresnos, Texas; and

Whereas, In the 1970s, during the Carter Administration, the academy was moved to Glynco, Georgia; since that time, the training needs of the Border Patrol have far exceeded the capacity of the Glynco location and a temporary satellite facility was opened in Charleston, South Carolina to handle the overflow; and

Whereas, These facilities are no longer adequate to meet the Border Patrol's growing training needs; and

Whereas, All new Border Patrol agents are assigned to the southwest border upon graduation form the academy; and

Whereas, Texas comprises more than half of the southwest border, making it an ideal location for Border Patrol training; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to relocate the U.S. Border Patrol Training Academy to the southwest Texas border region; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2002” (Rept. No. 107-50).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 126: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding observance of the Olympic Truce.

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 367: A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment: