

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4325. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Reno, NV" (Doc. No. 00-137) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4326. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Corinth, Scotia and Hudson Falls, NY" (Doc. No. 01-94) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4327. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Spokane, WA" (Doc. No. 99-262) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4328. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations; Pittsburg, KS" (Doc. No. 01-127) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4329. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Albemarle and Indian Trail, NC" (Doc. No. 99-240) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4330. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States, Fishery Management Plan for Tilefish" (RIN0648-AF87) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4331. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pollock" received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4332. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting Allocation" received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4333. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4334. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4335. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4336. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Adjustment for the Commercial Salmon Season from Queets River, VA, to Cape Falcon, OR" received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4337. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Conditional Closures in the Gulf of Maine" received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4338. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, received on October 2, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4339. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Management Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import of Polar Bear Trophies from Canada: Change in the Finding for the M'Clintock Channel Population" (RIN1018-AH72) received on October 1, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4340. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Tennessee Authorization Application"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4341. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; Arsenic and Clarifications to Compliance and New Source Contaminants Monitoring"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4342. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; Virginia" (FRL7073-6) received on October 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4343. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Idaho: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL7074-2) received on October 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4344. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7058-9) received on October 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4345. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permits Program in Alaska" (FRL7059-3) received on October 2, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4346. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, the monthly status report on the licensing activities and regulatory duties, July 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4347. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans; Wisconsin; Post-1996 Rate of Progress Plan for the Milwaukee-Racine Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL7076-6) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4348. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Tehama County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7066-9) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4349. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditional Approval Implementation Plans; Ohio" (FRL7062-5) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4350. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District" (FRL7075-7) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4351. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District and Imperial County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7075-8) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4352. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7067) received on October 3, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4353. A communication from the President of the United States (received and referred on October 9, 2001), transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to Afghanistan; 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-187. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the state of Michigan relative to China; to the committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 105

Whereas, Falun Gong, which is also known as Falun Dafa, is a discipline of personal beliefs that incorporates exercise, meditation, and principles based on truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. Its millions of practitioners work to attain inner peace, good health, and better skills to deal with stress and conflict in life; and

Whereas, Over the past several years, authorities in the People's Republic of China have taken strong and brutal actions against practitioners of Falun Gong. Reports indicate that tens of thousands of people have been tortured and sent to labor camps, and property owned by those who follow this discipline has been destroyed or confiscated. The aggressive actions taken by the state reflect a systematic commitment to eliminate Falun Gong and those who pursue it; and

Whereas, The persecution of practitioners of Falun Gong is in apparent violation of the People's Republic of China's own constitution and a flagrant violation of standards of human rights recognized by the United Nations and most governments of the world; and

Whereas, Citizens of Michigan who practice Falun Gong and those who understand this discipline cannot fathom the reaction of the Chinese authorities. Indeed, those who value human rights seek an increase of efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to halt this persecution; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Secretary of State to increase efforts to urge the People's Republic of China to recognize and protect the human rights of its citizens and halt the persecution against practitioners of Falun Gong; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of State, 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 19, 2001.

POM-188. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to Latvia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 136

Whereas, Since its founding in the wake of World War II, NATO has been an important

force in bringing peace, stability, and partnership to the member nations. In addition to its role to work for the security of an area of the world wracked by the horrors of wars, NATO has promoted the growth of democracy and accountability that are vital to the well-being not only of the individual countries, but also the future of Europe and much of the world; and

Whereas, Since the restoration of its independence in 1991, Latvia has been a leader among former Iron Curtain countries in developing democratic institutions and fostering a free-market economy. Latvia has already proven its commitment to the ideals of NATO through its work in a host of world and trade organizations; and

Whereas, Latvia has a long and distinguished record of leadership among the Baltic nations. Hundreds of years ago, it was a key member of the Hanseatic League, and Latvia has remained a strategic trading partner with its European neighbors throughout history. From the ruins of World War I, it developed a vibrant economy with democratic principles; and

Whereas, Latvia is strongly committed to NATO's defense priorities. Further, it has set in place prudent monetary and social policies well in keeping with those of other eastern European nations that have recently become part of NATO. Opening the doors of welcome to Latvia will expand the breadth of this vitally important organization; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to work for the admission of Latvia into NATO; 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 19, 2001.

POM-189. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska relative to long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE No. 36

Whereas members of the baby boom generation are beginning to retire, which will put a strain on the financial resources of younger Americans if their taxes are increased to cover the resulting rise in total Social Security and Medicare payments to retirees; and

Whereas Medicaid was designed as a program for the poor but, in many states, Medicaid is being used to fund long-term care expenses for middle-income elderly people; and

Whereas, in the coming decade, people over 65 years of age will represent 20 percent or more of the population, and the proportion of the population composed of individuals who are over 85 years of age and are most likely to be in need of long-term care may double or triple; and

Whereas the costs of nursing home care can have a catastrophic effect on families, wiping out a lifetime of savings before a spouse, parent, or grandparent becomes eligible for Medicaid; and

Whereas many people are unaware that most long-term care costs are not covered by Medicare and that Medicaid covers long-term care only after the person's assets have been exhausted; and

Whereas widespread use of private, long-term care insurance has the potential to pro-

tect families from the catastrophic costs of long-term care services while, at the same time, easing the burden on Medicaid as the baby boom generation ages; and

Whereas the federal government has endorsed the concept of private, long-term care insurance by establishing some federal tax rules for tax-qualified policies in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the President, the Congress, and the Governor to direct the appropriate governmental agencies to inform the public

(1) about the high cost of long-term care services and the need for families to plan for their long-term care needs;

(2) that Medicare will not cover most long-term care costs and the Medicaid will cover long-term care services only when the beneficiary has exhausted assets;

(3) that Americans should explore the availability of long-term care insurance through their employers, service organizations, professional groups, other entities, and private insurance companies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Congress to determine to what extent tax rules may discriminate against the buyers of long-term care insurance policies and to look for ways to remove such barriers and implement new incentives for the purchase of long-term care insurance by individual Americans.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Tommy Thompson, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of Alaska; Bob Lohr, Director of the Division of Insurance, Department of Community and Economic Development; and to Jane P. Demmert, Executive Director of the Alaska Commission on Aging, Division of Senior Services, Department of Administration.

POM-190. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska relative to the Federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program; to the Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE No. 35

Whereas the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant program established in the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), included modest supplemental grants for 17 relatively poor or rapidly growing states; and

Whereas the State of Alaska was awarded a supplemental grant because the state's population increased by more than 10 percent between April 1, 1990, and July 1, 1994; and

Whereas the supplemental grants included in PRWORA were authorized only through federal fiscal year 2001, while the remainder of the law was authorized through federal fiscal year 2002; and

Whereas, because the supplemental grants will expire, Alaska will face a reduction in its TANF funding in the amount of \$6,887,800, or 13 percent of its block grant, starting at