

EC-1692. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Bowling Green, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0076)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1693. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class E Airspace; Bay City, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0075)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1694. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC-8 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0185)) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1695. A communication from the Acting Director of the Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to financial statements for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance report for Fiscal Year 2000 and the Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Interim Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Budget and Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1698. A communication from the Regulatory Contact for the National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Rules; Correction" (RIN3095-AB00) received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1699. A communication from the General Counsel for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan, Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1700. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Elections to Contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan; Participants' Choices of Investment Funds" (5 CFR Part 1600 and 1601) received on April 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental 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-29. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Electoral College; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 651

Whereas, the remarkable events of the presidential election of 2000 summon all Virginians, of whatever political party or persuasion, to a renewed reflection on the principles of republican government and its ability to extend political liberty to a diverse and complex society; and

Whereas, the United States consists of one democratic people whose passion for political liberty is best preserved through republican and federal forms of government—including the election of the President; and

Whereas, the democratic interest is exercised through the ballot and the federal structure of our government is represented by the Electoral College; and

Whereas, the genius of the Electoral College was admirably defined by Virginia's James Madison in the *Federalist*, number 39:

"The executive power will be derived from a very compound source. The immediate election of the President is to be made by the States in their political characters. The votes allotted to them are in a compound ratio, which considers them partly as distinct and coequal societies, partly as unequal members of the same society."; and

Whereas, the dynamics of the Electoral College reflect the diversity of the nation and the healthy tension between the less populous vast regions of the United States and the urban centers embracing denser concentrations of its populations; and

Whereas, the Electoral College and the federal structure of government ensure a balance of power among the states and between the states and the federal government; and

Whereas, this complex and finely balanced structure serves to protect the nation's republican form of government and permits its citizens to enjoy an unequalled degree of democratic liberty; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of Virginia express its commitment to the principles represented by the Electoral College, for its embodiment of the well-balanced framework of this nation's state and federal governments, and for its role in assuring the presentation of the liberty enjoyed by all citizens; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the legislatures of the other states that they may be informed of this action by the General Assembly and requested to adopt a similar resolve; and, be it

Resolved finally, That the Clerk transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for circulation to the teachers of history and government in the Commonwealth's schools so that Virginia's students may be acquainted with the principles of this nation's republican and federal form of government and the role of this Commonwealth's leaders in the framing of the Electoral College and this nation's well-designed system of ordered liberty.

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

Whereas, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including the Virginia Congressional Delegation; and

Whereas, more than 80 United States senators, including Senator John W. Warner and Senator Charles S. Robb, signed letters of support for this legislation in 2000; and

Whereas, the bill now before the 107th Congress modernizes the Railroad Retirement System for its 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 21,500 in Virginia; and

Whereas, railroad management, labor and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation; and

Whereas, this legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak and commuter lines; and

Whereas, this legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers who currently suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies; and

Whereas, no outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, all changes will be paid for from within the railroad industry, including a full share by active employees; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That the Congress of the United States be urged to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act in the 107th Congress; and be it

Resolved further, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution for presentation to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation in order that they may be apprised of the sense of the Virginia House of Delegates in this matter.

POM-31. A joint resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Nevada relative to sports wagering; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, Illegal gambling on college sports has been identified as a serious national problem, particularly illegal gambling by college students and other underage persons; and

Whereas, According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, there are student bookmakers on virtually every college campus in the United States; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada, pursuant to an express provision of the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act enacted by Congress in 1992, has licensed and regulated a sports wagering industry and has enacted controls that serve to assist its sports books in maintaining honest operations; and

Whereas, The sports books in this state have demonstrated their effectiveness in providing a defense against illegal gambling on college sports through the identification of suspicious wagering activities and the discovery of point-shaving schemes in college sports; and

Whereas, Without the vigilance of the sports books in this state and their notification of law enforcement authorities, certain point-shaving scandals in college sports might not have been uncovered and certainly would not have been discovered so quickly; and

Whereas, The sports books in this state operate under the strictest regulatory controls

in the United States, including the most demanding reporting requirements for transactions and suspicious activities and computerized bookmaking systems that document every wager received, every win paid out, the results of each sporting event and every change in odds; and

Whereas, Legal wagers with the sports books regulated by this state, which amount to approximately \$2.5 billion each year, are dwarfed by the amount of illegal sports wagers in this country, which are estimated by some sources to exceed \$350 billion each year; and

Whereas, There have been no reports of student bookmakers on any college campus in this state contributing to the flood of illegal sports wagers; and

Whereas, There have been efforts in Congress that seek to take away from the State of Nevada the constitutionally derived authority recognized by the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act with respect to wagering on college sports conducted within the State of Nevada; and

Whereas, The repeal of that exemption would have an adverse effect on the economy of this state and the jobs of a number of its residents, would deprive this country of a vital defense against illegal sports wagering and would lead to an increase in illegal sports wagering; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, Jointly, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to refrain from enacting any measure that would repeal the ability of the State of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form, thereby inflicting damage upon both the State of Nevada and the national fight against illegal gambling; and be it further

Resolved, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to enact the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001, sponsored by United States Senators John Ensign and Harry Reid and United States Representatives James Gibbons and Shelley Berkley and others, thereby enhancing the ability of the nation to identify and address illegal wagering on college sports; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

POM-32. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi relative to the Federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 15

Whereas, the Federal Unified Gift and Estate Tax generates a minimal amount of federal revenue, especially considering the high cost of collection and compliance and, in fact, has been shown to decrease those federal revenues from what they might otherwise have been; and

Whereas, this "Death Tax" has been identified as destructive to job opportunity and expansion, especially to family farmers; and

Whereas, this "Death Tax" causes severe hardship to growing family businesses and family farming operations, often to the point of partial or complete forced liquidation, thereby depriving state and local governments of an important ongoing source of revenue; and

Whereas, critical state and local leadership assets are unnecessarily destroyed and forever lost to the future detriment of the community through relocation or liquidation; and

Whereas, local and state schools, churches and numerous other charitable activities would greatly benefit from the increased employment and continued family business leadership: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Mississippi, That we do hereby request that the Congress of the United States repeal the Federal Unified Gift and Estate tax effective immediately; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and to each member of the Mississippi delegation of the United States Congress.

POM-33. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Kansas relative to Gulf War illness; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1824

Whereas, Nearly 700,000 members of the United States armed forces, including 7,500 Kansans, deployed to the Persian Gulf region during 1990 and 1991 to participate in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait; and

Whereas, These Gulf War veterans have been, and continue to be, afflicted by an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems. To date federal research efforts have not identified the prevalence, patterns, causes or treatments for illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans. Yet thousands of our veterans continue to suffer from a variety of chronic symptoms, and

Whereas, The Kansas Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Initiative, a project of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, primarily through the efforts of Dr. Lea Steele, has completed a scientific study of 2,000 Kansas Gulf War veterans with the results being published in the American Journal of Epidemiology. The findings of this study indicate that: Kansas Gulf War veterans have significantly more health problems than veterans who served in other areas and that these conditions may have been caused by multiple factors; and

Whereas, While it has been established that Gulf War veterans suffer from an abnormally high rate of unexplained health problems, the cause or causes of these varied conditions have not been determined, and the system for providing care and treatment of these veterans has been inadequate or non-responsive to the conditions presented; and

Whereas, Gulf War illness has had a severe negative impact on the physical and emotional well-being of Gulf War veterans, and has affected their ability to work, yet adequate compensation for these conditions has not been received by these veterans; and

Whereas, Service connected illnesses have not been addressed adequately for veterans of past wars and conflicts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to provide funding for Gulf War illness research independent of that administered by the United States Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs; and to establish a process of independent review of federal policies and

programs associated with Gulf War illness research, benefits, and health care; and

Be it further resolved: That we urge further assistance to veterans afflicted with Gulf War illness, whether by the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs or another designated organization, to provide badly needed health care, vocational assistance and disability compensation; and that there be public service announcements informing veterans across the nation of the findings of this research and informing the veterans of the programs that are available to help them; and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation; to the Governor of the State of Kansas, the Secretary of Health and Environment, the Secretary of Human Resources, and the Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs; and to the National and State Commanders of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, National Retired Officers Association, National Retired Enlisted Association and the National Order of the Purple Heart.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 54. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, and October 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003 (Rept. No. 107-14).

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. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 797. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equitable treatment for associations which prepare for or mitigate the effects of natural disasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 798. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers certain credits against income tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 799. A bill to prohibit the use of racial and other discriminatory profiling in connection with searches and detentions of individuals by the United States Customs Service personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 800. A bill to provide for post conviction DNA testing, to establish a competent counsel grant program, and for other purpose; to the Committee on the Judiciary.