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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. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 834. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain steam or other vapor generating boilers used in nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 835. A bill to establish the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 115

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 115, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to reinstate a final rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel exercise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from California, (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 778, a bill to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. CON. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that

there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KYL)

S. 834. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain steam or other vapor generating boiler used in nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 834

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Generator Tariff Elimination Act".

SEC. 2. DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN BOILERS USED IN NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 84 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by striking subheading 8402.11.00 and inserting the following new subheadings, with the article description for subheading 8402.11 having the same degree of indentation as the article description for subheading 8402.12.00:

8402.11	Watertube boilers with a steam production exceeding 45 t per hour	Free		
8402.11.10	For use in nuclear reactors	5.2%	Free (A, CA, E, IL, J, MX)	45%
8402.11.20	Other			45%

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICATION TO LIQUIDATIONS OR RELIQUIDATIONS.—Notwithstanding section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 or any other provision of law and subject to paragraph (3), any article described in subheading 8402.11.10 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, as added by subsection (a) that was entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption—

(A) on or after January 1, 2000, and

(B) before the date that is 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,

shall be liquidated or reliquidated as if such subheading 8402.11.10 applied to such entry or withdrawal, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall refund any excess duty paid with respect to such entry.

(3) REQUESTS.—Liquidation or reliquidation may be made under paragraph (2) with respect to any entry only if a request therefor is filed with the Customs Service, within 180 days after the date of the enactment of

this Act, that contains sufficient information to enable the Customs Service—

(A) to locate the entry; or

(B) to reconstruct the entry if it cannot be located.

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

S. 835. A bill to establish the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am pleased today to introduce the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act. The Detroit River is one of North America's greatest rivers and is a part of our Michigan heritage. It not only joins the Upper Great Lakes to the Lower Great Lakes, but it also connects Canadians and Americans through an inseparable border. This great resource is one that we must work hard to protect so that generations to come can benefit from its

economic, recreational and ecological value.

The Detroit River provides a home to communities of unique plants and animals and rare, threatened and endangered species. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources recognize the Detroit River as having one of the highest diversities of wildlife and fish in all of the Great Lakes. More than 29 species of waterfowl and 65 kinds of fish make their home in the Detroit River. The river is an important waterfowl migration corridor where an estimated three million ducks, geese, swans, and coots migrate annually. The Detroit Audubon Society has documented over 300 species of birds in the Detroit-Windsor area, and approximately 150 bird species nest near the river.

The Detroit River also provides shipping channels which link Detroit to a worldwide economy. Further, approximately half of the over 870,000 pleasure