

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 375. An act for the relief of Margarita Domantay; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1949. An act for the relief of Nuratu Olarewaju Abeke Kadiri.

H.R. 3035. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

H.R. 3069. An act to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council.

H.R. 3097. An act to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

H.R. 3156. An act to present a congressional gold medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

H.R. 3796. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management.

H.R. 3824. An act amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1847) to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1847. An act to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers.

S. 1900. An act to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 12:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of the con-

ference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for the elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 375. An act for the relief of Margarita Domantay; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1949. An act for the relief of Nuratu Olarewaju Abeke Kadiri; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3069. An act to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3097. An act to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3796. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction of improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times, and place on the calendar:

H.R. 3035. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 18, 1998, he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 1900. An act to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5570. A communication from the Chairman of the United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amend-

ments to Rules of Practice and Procedure" received on June 12, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5571. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on fissile materials in the former Soviet Union for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5572. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5573. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "License Term for Medical Use Licenses" (RIN3150-AF77) received on June 15, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5574. A communication from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on plans to enhance coalition interoperability in the face of chemical or biological weapon threats; 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-481. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Alaska relative to compensation of Holocaust victims by the Swiss banking industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-482. A resolution adopted by the National Association of the Physically Handicapped, Inc. (Okemos, Michigan) relative to physician-assisted suicide; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-483. A resolution adopted by the National Association of the Physically Handicapped, Inc. (Okemos, Michigan) relative to non-profit hospital sales; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-484. A resolution adopted by the National Association of the Physically Handicapped, Inc. (Okemos, Michigan) relative to community health care; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-485. A joint resolution adopted by Legislature of the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 712

Whereas, This General Assembly acknowledges the importance and emerging dependence of business, government and society on the Internet as a growing part of our system of communications and commerce; and

Whereas, The members of this legislative body also recognize that the Internet as a medium of free speech contains, in addition to its many salutary features, potential dangers for society and especially our youth, in that it can provide uncontrolled and instantaneous access to obscenity, child pornography and other adult-oriented materials that are harmful to youth; and

Whereas, In 1996, Congress attempted to place restrictions on the Internet to curb these dangers by the passage of the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which was declared unconstitutional in part by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Reno v. ACLU; and

Whereas, The Internet is in a developing stage and software developments and other market forces may eventually allow Internet providers to provide clean Internet services