

War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

S. 748. An act to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1030. An act to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws.

S. 1088. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S. 1218. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, and for other purposes.

S. 1275. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

S. 1367. An act to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 1586. An act to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, and for other purposes.

S. 1778. An act to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 2069. An act to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

S. 2300. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2425. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. 2719. An act to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 2872. An act to improve the cause of action for misrepresentation of Indian arts and crafts.

S. 2882. An act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, and for other purposes.

S. 2950. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado.

S. 2951. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River.

S. 2977. An act to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

S. 3022. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation fa-

cilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it request the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3388. An act to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin.

H.R. 3595. An act to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4794. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to complete a resource study of the 600 mile route through Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia, used by George Washington and General Rochambeau during the American Revolutionary War.

H.R. 5086. An act to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to honor Dr. Nancy Foster.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 139. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the dedication of the Japanese-American Memorial to Patriotism.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1508. An Act to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 1509. An Act to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

S. 2440. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 439. An act to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3657) to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1725) to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

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

H.R. 209. An act to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions.

H.R. 2961. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize a 3-year pilot program under which the Attorney General may extend the period for vol-

untary departure in the case of certain non-immigrant aliens who require medical treatment in the United States and were admitted under the visa waiver pilot program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3671. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4068. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 3 years the special immigrant religious worker program.

H.R. 4110. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005.

H.R. 4320. An act to assist in the conservation of great apes by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes.

H.R. 4392. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4835. An act to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5234. An act to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to extend the applicability of that Act to certain former spouses of deceased Hmong veterans.

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

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-11282. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing Operation of a Non-Federal Launch Site; request for comments on handling of solid propellants and cooperation with the NRSB; docket No. FAA-1999-5833 [10-19/10-23]" (RIN2120-AG15) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11283. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Federal Airways in the vicinity of Dallas/Fort Worth; TX; docket No. 00ASW-6 [10-16/10-23]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0246) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11284. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model C1 600 1A11 and CL 600 2A12 Series Airplanes; docket No. 99-NM-26 [10-16/10-23]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0501) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11285. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757-200 Series Airplanes; docket No. 2000-NM-286 [10-11/10-23]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0499) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11286. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model C1-600-2B19 Series Airplanes; docket No. 2000-NM-312 [10-16/10-23]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0498) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11287. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2000-55) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11288. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Greece; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11289. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a waiver and certification of statutory provisions regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11290. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1999 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

Mr. McCAIN, Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expenses of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Janet B. Gammon and ending Thomas C. Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2000.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Mark S. Telich and ending Deborah A. Dombeck, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2000.

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. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3228. A bill to promote the development of affordable, quality rental housing in rural areas for low-income households; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERREY:

S. 3229. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for the cost of certain equipment used to convert public television broadcasting from analog to digital transmission; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3230. A bill to reauthorize the authority for the Secretary of Agriculture to pay costs associated with removal of commodities that pose a health or safety risk and to make adjustments to certain child nutrition programs; considered and passed.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 3231. A bill to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LOTT:

S.J. Res. 55. A joint resolution to change the Date for Counting Electoral Votes in 2001; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 381. A resolution designating October 16, 2000, to October 20, 2000, as "National Teach For America Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 382. A resolution recognizing and commending the personnel of the 49th Armored Division of the Texas Army National Guard for their participation and efforts in providing leadership and command and control of the United States sector of the Multi-national Stabilization Force in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. L. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 155. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political forces in Peru toward an immediate and full restoration of democracy in that country; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS OF INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3228. A bill to promote the development of affordable, quality rental housing in rural areas for low-income households; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

THE RURAL RENTAL HOUSING ACT OF 2000

Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation to promote the development of affordable, quality rental housing for low-income households in rural areas. I am pleased,

along with Senator JEFFORDS and Senator LEAHY, to introduce the "Rural Rental Housing Act of 2000."

There is a pressing and worsening need for quality rental housing for rural families and senior citizens. As a group, residents of rural communities are the worst housed of all our citizens. Rural areas contain approximately 20 percent of the nation's population as compared to suburbs with 50 percent. Yet, twice as many rural American families live in bad housing than in the suburbs. An estimated 2,600,000 rural households live in substandard housing with severe structural damage or without indoor plumbing, heat, or electricity.

Substandard housing is a particularly grave problem in the rural areas of my home state of North Carolina. Ten percent or more of the population in five of North Carolina's rural counties live in substandard housing. Rural housing units, in fact, comprise 60 percent of all substandard units in the state.

Even as millions of rural Americans live in wretched rental housing, millions more are paying an extraordinarily high price for their housing. One out of every three renters in rural America pays more than 30 percent of his or her income for housing; 20 percent of rural renters pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing.

Most distressing is when people living in housing that does not have heat or indoor plumbing pay an extraordinary amount of their income in rent. Over 90 percent of people living in housing in the worst conditions pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs.

Unfortunately, our rural communities are not in a position to address these problems alone. They are disproportionately poor and have fewer resources to bring to bear on the issue. Poverty is a crushing, persistent problem in rural America. One-third of the non-metropolitan counties in North Carolina have 20 percent or more of their population living below the poverty line. In contrast, not a single metropolitan county in North Carolina has 20 percent or more of its population living below the poverty line. Not surprisingly, the economies of rural areas are generally less diverse, limiting jobs and economic opportunity. Rural areas have limited access to many forces driving the economy, such as technology, lending, and investment, because they are remote and have low population density. Banks and other investors, looking for larger projects with lower risk, seek metropolitan areas for loans and investment. Credit in rural areas is often more expensive and available at less favorable terms than in metropolitan areas.

Given the magnitude of this problem, it is startling to find that the federal government is turning its back on the situation. In the face of this challenge, the federal government's investment in rural rental housing is at its lowest