

tolerances of pesticides in food safeguard the health of infants and children; the need to encourage the registration of minor use pesticides; and the need to repeal the Delaney clause and replace it with a negligible risk standard for pesticide residues in both raw and processed foods.

The Delaney clause was enacted in 1958 as part of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit any residue of a food additive that has been found to cause cancer, no matter the amount of the risk to human health. In the intervening years, our ability to detect residues has improved, to the point where we can now detect minute amounts, even parts per trillion.

Many including the Environmental Protection Agency agree the Delaney clause zero risk standard should be replaced with a de minimis standard. In fact, for a number of years, EPA has used a de minimis standard for regulating pesticide residues on food.

However, as a result of the court decision in *Les versus Reilly* and a consent decree in *California versus Browner*, the Environmental Protection Agency will have to strictly enforce the Delaney clause the end of this year. Strict enforcement of the Delaney clause will result in the cancellation of tolerances of over 100 chemicals used in California agriculture, even if they pose only a negligible risk of one in a million additional risk of cancer in a lifetime. In order for agriculture to retain use of these chemicals, it is imperative that the Delaney clause be replaced with a negligible risk standards that protects human health, including the health of infants and children.

S. 1166 replaces the Delaney zero risk standard with a negligible risk standard. EPA has been defining negligible risk as one additional cancer for every one million people exposed.

The issue of food safety is extraordinarily important both to California agriculture and to the health of 32 million Californians. About 20 percent of the agricultural chemicals sold in the United States—about 500 billion pounds of chemicals—are used in the State annually. California has its own pesticide regulation program and in many cases has stricter standards for pesticides than the national standards.

A concern that I have about S. 1166 is that it provides for national uniformity and preempts California's more stringent standards. I believe that States should be able to set tougher standards, and will move an amendment to do so.

I will work to improve the bill as it goes forward, and to get a bill enacted. It is vital that we reform the Delaney clause this year.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:07 pm., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1254. An act to disapprove of amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines relating to lowering of crack sentences and sentences for money laundering and transactions in property derived from unlawful activity.

H.R. 402. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 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-1543. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "National Annual Industrial Sulfur Dioxide Trends, 1995-2015"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1544. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Acid Deposition Standard Feasibility"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1545. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report regarding the progress implementing the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

EC-1546. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 31 United States Code, to require executive agencies to verify for correctness of transportation charges prior to payment, and for related purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1547. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report summarizing actions taken under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act [PFCRA] during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1548. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to allow removal of suits against the United States and its agencies, as well as those against Federal officers, and to allow removal of suits against Federal officers, and to allow removal of suits against Federal agencies and officers that are brought in local courts of U.S. territories and possession; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1549. A communication from the Vice President of the American Council of Learned Societies, transmitting, the annual report for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-374. A petition from a citizen of the State of Kansas for a redress of grievances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-447. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission relative to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-448. A resolution adopted by the Southern Governors' Association relative to the Endangered Species Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-449. A resolution adopted by the Arkansas Wildlife Federation relative to water resources management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-450. A resolution adopted by the board of commissioners of Columbus County, NC, relative to welfare reform; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-451. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a Constitutional Convention; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-452. A resolution adopted by the council of the city of Atlanta, GA, relative to drug abuse prevention programs; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-453. A concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature of the State of Mississippi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 547

A concurrent resolution post-ratifying amendment XIII to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the practice of slavery within the United States except as punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; and for related purposes.

Whereas, the Thirty-Eighth Congress of the United States, on February 1, 1865, by the required vote of two-thirds of the membership of both houses thereof, did propose to the legislatures of the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which reads as follows:

"AMENDMENT XIII

"Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

"Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.";

Whereas, Amendment XIII officially became part of the United States Constitution

on December 6, 1865, when the General Assembly of the State of Georgia furnished that amendment's pivotal twenty-seventh ratification, there being at the time thirty-six states in the Union; and

Whereas, it is common for state legislatures to continue to act upon amendments to the U.S. Constitution well after those amendments have already received a sufficient number of ratifications in order to become part of that document; and

Whereas, with specific regard to Amendment XIII, subsequent to the Georgia General Assembly's approval, that amendment was then post-ratified by the legislatures of eight other states which were part of the Union during that era, including that of Delaware in February of 1901, some thirty-five years after Amendment XIII had already been adopted, and that of Kentucky in March of 1976, well over a full century after Amendment XIII had been established as part of our nation's highest law; and

Whereas, with respect to Amendment XIII, Mississippi, until now, has been the only state which was part of the Union well before and long after Amendment XIII was proposed and ratified whose legislature has denied approval of that important amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, the people of present-day Mississippi strongly condemn the unconscionable practice of slavery and firmly believe that it is fitting and proper that official action be taken now to finally place upon Amendment XIII the special approval of the State of Mississippi; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Mississippi State Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, That Amendment XIII to the Constitution of the United States, quoted above and transmitted by resolution of the Thirty-Eighth Congress be, and the same hereby is, post-ratified by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi; be it further

Resolved, That Chapter CVIII, General Laws of 1865, in which the Mississippi Legislature, on December 4, 1865, refused to ratify Amendment XIII, is hereby specifically rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi transmit properly-attested copies of this concurrent resolution to the Archivist of the United States, pursuant to Pub. L. 98-497; to the Vice-President of the United States, as presiding officer of the U.S. Senate; to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to both U.S. Senators and to all five U.S. Representatives from Mississippi with the request that this concurrent resolution's text be reproduced in its entirety in the Congressional Record.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Kathleen A. McGinty, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first