

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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 withdrawals and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

REPORT OF THE FARMINGTON WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 103

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

To the Congress of the United States:

I take pleasure in transmitting the enclosed report for the Farmington River in the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The report and my recommendations are in response to the provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended. The Farmington River Study was authorized by Public Law 99-590.

The study was conducted by the National Park Service, with invaluable assistance from a congressionally mandated study committee. The National Park Service determined that the 11-mile study segment in Massachusetts and the 14-mile study segment in Connecticut were eligible for designation based upon their free-flowing character and recreational, fish, wildlife and historic values.

The 14-mile Connecticut segment of the river has already been designated as a Wild and Scenic River pursuant to Public Law 103-313, August 26, 1994. The purpose of this transmittal is to inform the Congress that, although eligible for designation, I do not recommend that the Massachusetts segment be designated at this time due to lack of support by the towns adjoining it. If at some future date the towns should change their position and the river has retained its present characteristics, the Congress could reconsider the issue. Also, for 3 years from the date of this transmittal, the Massachusetts segment will remain subject to section 7(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Section 7(b) prohibits licensing of projects by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Federal or federally assisted water resource development projects that would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which the river might be designated. Finally, the report includes the Upper

Farmington River Management Plan that is referenced in Public Law 103-313 as the plan by which the designated river will be managed.

The plan demonstrated a true partnership effort of the type that we believe will be increasingly necessary if we are to have affordable protection of our environment in the future.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 13, 1995.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, 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. 632. An act to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States.

H.R. 1253. An act to rename the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 1295. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to make certain revisions relating to the protection of famous marks.

H.R. 1533. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison.

H.R. 1574. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to exclude certain bank products from the definition of a deposit.

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to permanently extend and clarify malpractice coverage for health centers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2243. An act to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2289. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend permanently certain housing programs, to improve the veterans employment and training system, and to make clarifying and technical amendments to further clarify the employment and reemployment rights and responsibilities of members of the uniformed services, as well as those of the employer community, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2418. An act to improve the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid.

H.R. 2538. An act to make clerical and technical amendments to title 18, United States Code, and other provisions of law relating to crime and criminal justice.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution concerning writer, political philosopher, human rights advocate, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Wei Jingsheng.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1240) to combat crime by enhancing the penalties for certain sexual crimes against children.

The message also announced that the House recedes from its amendments to

the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, and concurs therein with an amendment.

The message further announced that the Speaker appoints Mr. WISE as a conferee in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2539) to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes, vice Mr. LIPINSKI, resigned.

At 4:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1977) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 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. 1253. An act to rename the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1533. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1574. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to exclude certain bank products from the definition of a deposit, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2243. An act to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2289. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend permanently certain housing programs, to improve the veterans employment and training system, and to make clarifying and technical amendments to further clarify the employment and reemployment rights and responsibilities of members of the uniformed services, as well as those of the employer community, and for other purposes, to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2418. An act to improve the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2538. An act to make clerical and technical amendments to title 18, United States Code, and other provisions of law relating to crime and criminal justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution concerning writer, political philosopher, human rights advocate, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Wei Jingsheng, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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-1681. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1682. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled, "Progress Made in Implementing Sections 6106 and 1038 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA)"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1683. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report entitled, "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program" for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1684. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on child support enforcement for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1685. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the first annual report summarizing the evaluation activities relative to the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services with Serious Emotional Disturbances program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1686. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to make technical revisions to existing immigration law and to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of consular and immigration services and operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1687. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1688. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, proposed regulations governing corporation and labor organization activity, express advocacy and coordination with candidates; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1689. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1690. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1691. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector Gen-

eral Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1692. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1693. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1694. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on accounts containing unvouchered expenditures potentially subject to audit by the Comptroller General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1695. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1696. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1697. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; 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-480. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"RESOLUTION

"Whereas the federal government is considering legislation that would repeal the existing authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate water carriers transporting property between the 48 contiguous states and Alaska; and

"Whereas Alaska is uniquely dependent on water transportation in that virtually everything that Alaskans eat, drink, wear, or use comes into the state by ship or barge; and

"Whereas the deep water transport market serving the Alaska Railbelt is a classic duopoly situation in that two water carriers provide the vital service of transporting at least 75 percent of all goods shipped for 80 percent of the state's residents; and

"Whereas, in a duopoly situation, the service providers have an obligation to their customers to operate with the highest degree of fairness and disclosure; and

"Whereas the freight system by which Alaskans receive vital cargo should treat all customers fairly by guaranteeing equal access to competitive rates; and

"Whereas the citizens of Alaska, recognizing that their interests may best be served by allowing market forces to determine the cost of bringing vital goods to the state so far as possible, continue to have concerns about the cost of shipping goods to Alaska; and

"Whereas the citizens of Alaska have also expressed their desire to preserve the essen-

tial elements of the current system of regulating water carriers serving Alaska; and

"Whereas, if the Interstate Commerce Commission is abolished and if there is no other forum for shipper complaints, the citizens of the state may have no place to present and resolve complaints about water carriers serving Alaska other than in court; and

"Whereas the federal government has historically had a role in water transportation to Alaska through the Interstate Commerce Commission; and

"Whereas the federal government is considering whether to transfer some functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the United States Department of Transportation; and

"Whereas the Interstate Commerce Commission has recommended that the regulation of all domestic offshore water carriage be handled by the Federal Maritime Commission, which may also be abolished; and

"Whereas regulatory functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission relating to domestic offshore water carriage could be performed by other existing federal entities if the Interstate Commerce Commission is abolished in order to save federal taxpayer money; and

"Whereas three primary interests of Alaskans if such abolishment occurs are to ensure that rates for carriage to Alaska are fair and competitive, to ensure that carriage service to Alaska is dependable, and to ensure that an accessible forum exists in which Alaskans can present and resolve complaints; be it

"Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests that the Governor and members of the Alaska delegation in the United States Congress support the preservation of the essential regulatory functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission pertaining to domestic offshore water carriage that serve the best interests of Alaska's consumers while providing an acceptable rate of return to the carriers which serve the Alaska market by transferring such regulatory functions to the United States Department of Transportation, if and when necessary."

POM-481. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Boynton, Florida relative to the Superfund Reform 95 principles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-482. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; to the Committee on Finance.

"Whereas, the members of state legislatures are required to be away from their homes while performing the duties of their offices; and

"Whereas, members of state legislatures are reimbursed for their travel expenses and the other expenses incurred in performing their duties; and

"Whereas, under the provisions of 26 U.S.C., Section 162(h), state legislators are allowed to deduct such reasonable travel expenses for purposes of income taxation; and

"Whereas, the payment of such expenses is currently subject to withholding for purposes of the federal Social Security Act and for purposes of federal income taxation; and

"Whereas, it is only fitting and proper that such expenses should not be subjected to withholding for these purposes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That this body urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which would exclude the travel expenses and per diem of state legislators from income for purposes of contributions required under the federal Social Security Act and from withholding for purposes of federal income taxation, BE IT FURTHER