

Above all, let's not forget that these efforts begin and end with the American people. Every time we reduce the threat that has hung over our heads since the dawn of the Nuclear Age, we help to ensure that from the far stretches of the Aleutians to the tip of the Florida Keys, the American people are more secure. That is our most serious task and our most solemn obligation.

The challenge of this moment is matched only by its possibility. So let us do our duty. Thank you very much.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 1, 1995, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 257. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1994, the enrolled bill was signed on March 1, 1995, during the recess of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1022. An act to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk assessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules, and for other purposes.

The message also announced, that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 84-372, the Speaker appoints as a member of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission the following Member on the part of the House: Mr. LEWS of California.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the provisions of 22 United States Code 276h, the Speaker appoints the following Member as a member on the part of the House of the United States Delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the First Session of the 104th Congress: Mr. KOLBE, Chairman.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1022. An act to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk as-

sessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 1, 1995 she had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 257. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to make eligible for membership those veterans that have served within the territorial limits of South Korea.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 103d Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs" (Rept. No. 104-11).

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 889. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-12).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

Herschelle Challenor, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years.

Sheila Cheston,* of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Josue Robles, Jr.*, of Texas, to be a member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission for a term expiring at the end of the first session of the 104th Congress.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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-446. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-447. A communication from Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Business Operations Fund; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-448. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant

to law, notice relative to the report on the manpower request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-449. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on proposed obligations for facilitating weapons destruction and non-proliferation in the Former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-450. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on monetary policy; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-451. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-452. A communication from Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Weather Service; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-453. A communication from the President of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislative report and the Federal Grant request for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 480. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Gleam*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 481. A bill to limit the amount of expenditures required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other laws for the protection of fish and wildlife made by the Bonneville Power Administration that may be recovered from ratepayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 482. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Emerald Ayes*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 483. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for the other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 484. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a national clearinghouse to assist in background checks of applicants for law enforcement positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 485. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide and clarify the authority for certain municipal solid waste flow control arrangements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HEFLIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FORD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. COHEN):

S. 486. A bill to reorganize the Federal administrative law judiciary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 487. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 488. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a flat tax only on the earned income of individuals and the business taxable income of corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 489. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an appropriate form of agreement with, the Town of Grand Lake, Colorado, authorizing the town to maintain permanently a cemetery in the Rocky Mountain National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 490. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to exempt agriculture-related facilities from certain permitting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 491. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient self-management training services under part B of the medicare program for individuals with diabetes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAFEE:

S. 492. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Intrepid*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 493. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Consortium*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. PELL):

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution to grant consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. Res. 82. A resolution to petition the States to convene a Conference of the States to consider a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. BUMPERS):

S. Res. 83. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding tax cuts during the 104th Congress; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one

Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. MACK:

S. Res. 84. A resolution saluting Florida on the 150th anniversary of Florida statehood, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 482. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Emerald Ayes*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

"EMERALD AYES" CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION LEGISLATION

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I am introducing a bill today to direct that the vessel *Emerald Ayes*, official number 986099, be accorded coastwise trading privileges and be issued a certificate of documentation under section 12103 of title 46, United States Code.

The *Emerald Ayes* was constructed in Canada in 1992, and is a sailing catamaran for use as a recreational vessel. It is 36.4 feet in length, 18.2 feet in breadth, has a depth of 9.4 feet, and is self-propelled.

The vessel was purchased by Dr. Stephen D. Michel of Mount Pleasant, SC, who purchased it with the intention of chartering the vessel for short sailing tours. However, because the vessel was built in Canada, it did not meet the requirements for coastwise license endorsement in the United States. Such documentation is mandatory to enable the owner to use the vessel for its intended purpose. He first sought to purchase a U.S.-built vessel, but this type of sailboat is not built by any U.S. shipbuilders. He has invested a considerable amount of money in this vessel, and without a Jones Act waiver for the boat, he will be forced to sell it.

The owner of the *Emerald Ayes* is seeking a waiver of the existing law because he wishes to use the vessel for charters. His desired intentions for the vessel's use will not adversely affect the coastwise trade in U.S. waters. If he is granted this waiver, it is his intention to comply fully with U.S. documentation and safety requirements. The purpose of the legislation I am introducing is to allow the *Emerald Ayes* to engage in the coastwise trade and the fisheries of the United States.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 483. A bill to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, Congress has in recent years passed many significant copyright measures, but it is a rare occasion when we address the fundamental aspects of copyright protec-

tion, such as the nature of the works protected, the scope of rights recognized, or the duration of copyright.

Still, from time to time, it becomes clear that fundamental change is needed. I believe we are now at such a point with respect to the question of whether the current term of copyright adequately protects the interests of authors and the related question of whether the term of protection continues to provide a sufficient incentive for the creation of new works of authorship.

The current term of copyright is, in my view, inadequate to perform its historic functions of spurring creativity and protecting authors. Thus, I am filing today the Copyright Term Extension Act of 1995, which has the general purpose of increasing existing copyright terms by the addition of a further 20 years of protection. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by my colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator FEINSTEIN of California and Senator THOMPSON of Tennessee.

Mr. President, Congress has protected copyrights since the very first Congress, and the entire history of our copyright laws has been a history of everincreasing protection, both with respect to the nature of works protected, as well as with respect to the duration of protection. Still, in over 200 years, the copyright term has only been extended on three prior occasions.

In 1790, the first Congress set the maximum term of copyright protection at 28 years—a 14-year initial period that could be renewed for an additional 14 years. In 1831, we extended that period by 14 years—a 28-year initial period that could be renewed for an additional 14 years. In 1909, the major copyright reform act of that era extended the maximum term of copyright to 56 years—a 28-year initial term that could be renewed for an additional 28 years.

Most recently, the Copyright Act of 1976 fundamentally altered the way in which we measure copyright by protecting works throughout the life of their creator plus an additional 50 years. In so doing, we adopted the prevailing international standard of protection—a standard that was first recommended by the members of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works in the Act of Berlin of November 13, 1908, and that was made mandatory for members of the Berne Union by the Act of Brussels of June 26, 1948.

For existing works, the Copyright Act of 1976 created a maximum term of 75 years of protection—a 34-percent increase in term of protection over the preceding maximum of 56 years. The 20-year increase in protection that the Copyright Extension Act of 1995 provides for existing works is a far more modest extension of copyright than that which we adopted in 1976, or, in fact, that which was implemented by the two previous congressional extensions of copyright term.